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Venango Voice

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Hit the Slopes!

The Venango Campus Ski Club is gearing up for their winter ski trips. Any students interested in joining Ski Club and participating in downhill skiing at area ski resorts such as Peek N' Peak and Holiday Valley may contact Dr. Lott at dlott@clarion.edu, or by phone at extension 1219.

The first ski trip is set for Saturday, January 22 at Peek N' Peak in Findley Lake, N.Y. Students who wish to attend this trip should sign up with Dr. Lott in 222 Frame Hall as soon as possible.

The rest of the ski trips will tentatively take place on February 5, February 26, and March 19.

Members of the Ski Club who are interested in cross-country skiing may participate in these events and use equipment provided by Clarion's Ski Club. Contact Dr. Lott for more information.

Student Development Series Reminder

The Student Development Series facilitated by Kay King, Venango Campus counselor, will continue through April of this year. The development series is held from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Activities Board room, 228 Montgomery Hall. All meetings are held on Tuesdays, and students may attend all of the series meetings or just the ones they prefer. Dates of the development series are as follows:

February 1—Mind/Body Connection.
Dealing with Stress.

March 1—Re-evaluating Values, Plans,
and Career Options.

April 5—Preparing for the Next Step.
Am I Ready (for the Real World)?

For more information, contact Kay King at ext. 1281 or stop by her office, 234 Montgomery Hall, during regular office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Voice Wants YOU!

The *Venango Voice* is looking for students who are interested in writing for the campus newspaper on a weekly basis as part of the staff for the Spring 2005 semester. Students should have strong writing and communication skills, including general knowledge of spelling and grammar. This is a great opportunity to add to your resume or an easy way for communication majors to fulfill their writing co-curricular activity.

Direct all inquiries to 226 Montgomery Hall, or by e-mail to thevenangovoice@yahoo.com.

The *Voice* is also always accepting miscellaneous pieces of work from students, including poetry, prose, artwork, and opinion articles. Don't hesitate to exercise your freedom of speech and submit your articles to be published at the above e-mail address.

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News

Dear Lucy: A Weekly Advice Column on Relationships



Dear Lucy:

My boyfriend and I have been dating for a little over a year, but we have broken up about eight times during that time. I'm sure we love each other; we just tend to fight a lot. Is this healthy?

Unsure

Dear Unsure:

It's really romantic to think of two becoming one and never ever disagreeing about anything. Unfortunately, conflict is a very normal part of everyday life.

A healthy relationship has balance. Another way to look at relationships is two people overlapping to form a third part—US. If it's all about ME, your needs suffer. If it's all about YOU, my needs are neglected. If it's all about US, we lose our individuality and all the unique things that make us who we are. Of course, there will be days when I have a problem and need the focus on me, or you are celebrating a special success so we focus on you. But as a whole, there should be a balance between ME, YOU, and US.

In a healthy relationship, conflicts are solved without putting each other down or making threats. Both people accept responsibility for their actions; both apologize when they're wrong, and both have equal decision-making power about what they do in the relationship.

Lucy

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Yearbook Committee Information

The staff of the Clarion University-Venango Campus yearbook committee is extending an invitation to anyone who may be interested in joining their staff or who would just like to lend a helping hand. If you want to join or if you need more information, you may contact Angie Weber at s_amweber@clarion.edu, Peggy Lee at s_pelee@clarion.edu, or the yearbook advisor, Ellen Foster, at efoster@clarion.edu.

LSC Spring Workshop Series

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Eagle Dollars Update

Eagle Dollars is a new program, introduced to students last semester. Eagle Dollars can be used like a debit card to make purchases on campus such as printing or purchasing food at the snack bar. When it debuted last semester, complaints were issued regarding the minimum \$50 starting fee which was the least you could put in your account to open it.

Due to many concerns, the minimum amount to open an Eagle Dollars account is now only \$25. Also, a free \$5 will be added to all students' Eagle accounts to be used only for printing. This change may be due to complaints on the new pay-for-printing system that was put into use last semester as well.

Voices

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Remembering

By: Anonymous

You think you are perfect
in every single way
attractive to all
yet not taking anyone
you think you're so perfect
well...

YOU'RE WRONG

you aren't so great
there's really nothing special about you
you think you got the looks
but they're all fake
covering up the true you

you hide behind yourself
your image like a mask
an act you play
just to be liked

I know this isn't the real you
so come out and reveal your body
for the whole world to see
for I know that you truly are
as good on the outside as you
say you are on the inside

don't play no more games with me
you aren't gonna win
revenge is critical
and cannot be stopped
I will reveal the true you
for the whole world to see

it's too late now
your time has run out
you no longer will be seen
the same way again
it's your own choice
and your own consequences

I have no regrets
you diss me, I diss you
heads collide and
life goes on
but one thing's for sure
you will
REMEMBER

Rhoades Renovation Open Forum

Over the past several months, a number of students, faculty, and staff have been working cooperatively on a proposed plan to renovate the Robert W. Rhoades Student Center. The goal is to create a more student-friendly, functional, and aesthetically appealing student center that will serve as a vital hub of activity for the campus. The proposal seeks to enhance the quality of student life on campus through the expansion of the kitchen, bookstore, programming space, and the addition of a fitness center and office facilities.

Our colleagues at the Clarion Campus have been highly involved and extremely helpful in this process, and, without their assistance, the proposal would not be possible. However, as we consider moving forward, it is critical that students provide their input and suggestions, particularly as we discuss the financial and logistical aspects of the proposed project.

In order to create opportunities for discussion and review, Dean Reber and Emily Aubele will be holding a series of meetings with clubs and organizations as well as open forums with the entire campus community. The next open forum will be held Tuesday, January 18, at 2:30 p.m. in Rhoades Center. The forum will be an opportunity to review the plan drawings and discuss in more detail the planning and renovation process.

This is an exciting opportunity for the campus, so please attend the open forum and give your input on these changes that will affect your college experience at Venango Campus.

Voices

From the Editor's Desk

By: Sheena M. Hoover

I swear lately that PennDOT is trying to kill me. No really, I know that sounds a little harsh, but I think it's true. While I know it's not their fault that I have to drive to Clarion for classes twice a week and snow is just something you have to live with when you live in Pennsylvania, I still think the road should be kept decently clear so people who have to get somewhere can—and safely. A lot of people's jobs won't let them call off just because driving on the snowy roads in a winter storm is practically suicide. And we all know a lot of instructors will crawl through the snow just to make sure they don't have to cancel class. So I think it's important that the roads be cleared as much as possible for the safety of all Pennsylvanians.

However, does PennDOT agree with me on this? Take last week, for example. It was the second day of classes and it was supposed to rain. I looked outside to find that it was, in fact, snowing (just like the weatherman to be wrong). To even less of my surprise, I realized the roads were covered, meaning PennDOT hadn't even started plowing yet. However, I continued getting ready to drive to Clarion for my Tuesday classes figuring that they would have everything plowed by 8 a.m. After all, the only time you can ever count on them to plow is when the school buses have to go around.

Can you imagine what I saw when I was getting my stuff together to leave the house at 8 a.m.? Unsurprisingly, no road at all, just snow. So, I thought to myself, "I'm sure the main roads will be fine."

Were they? Of course not. Route 322 was covered and hadn't been plowed at all. So, with my ever-growing confidence in PennDOT, I figured that by the time I got on my way at least some of the road would be plowed. However, I made the slow, slippery drive from Cranberry to Clarion which took a record time of *just* one hour. Would

at all surprised if I told you that not one plow had made an attempt at any section of Route 322?

Now, it's not that I have anything against PennDOT. In fact, I would love to get a job with them and make as much money as they do for doing as little work as they seem to actually do. I just thought I'd voice my frustration with them, because arguing with Mother Nature definitely isn't going to do any good.

And as evidence against PennDOT, if I really wanted to, I could tell the story of when I put my car in the ditch a few weeks ago after sliding on black ice going 35, and just afterward, they put salt down....

Reminder for Students

Did you remember to...

- update your PDF using *iClarion*
- get your photo ID--222 Montgomery Hall
- read bulletin boards
- find your advisor
- visit the library
- tour the Leaning Support Center
- apply for a parking permit
- check classroom changes posted at classrooms
- activate CU e-mail using *iClarion*
- hear about Ext. 1200
- purchase required books

If you are unsure about any of these, please ask questions in the Administration Office in Frame.

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Internationally-known Humanitarian to Speak at the Campus

Jerry White, co-founder and executive director of Landmine Survivors Network (LSN), an international organization based in Washington, D.C., with offices in several mine-affected countries, will be a guest speaker at Clarion University–Venango Campus on Tuesday, February 1, 2005. The event, free and open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in Rhoades Gymnasium and will be followed by a dessert reception.

“We’re delighted to bring Mr. White to our community,” said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of Venango Campus, “and are very grateful to his good friend, Mrs. Helen Boyle, for making his visit possible. We hope this is the first of many programs of this caliber that Venango Campus will be able to host in the future.”

White, himself a landmine survivor, has a worldwide reputation for his humanitarian and service work. The late Princess Diana, Queen Noor of Jordan, Sir Paul and Lady Heather Mills McCartney, and former Clinton press secretary DeeDee Myers are among the many people who have supported the efforts of LSN. Created by and for survivors, LSN advocates a ban on landmines and develops amputee support programs around the world designed to promote comprehensive rehabilitation through an integrated system of peer counseling, sports, and social and economic reintegration.

A graduate of Brown University, White was camping in Israel in 1984 when he stepped on a landmine. He worked at the Brookings Institution and the Natural Resources Defense Council prior to becoming assistant director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control. For the past 15 years, White has worked to stop the spread of weapons of mass

destruction, including nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, as well as landmines.

White has appeared and published extensively in the media, testified before Congress and the United Nations, and received several awards in recognition of his humanitarian and human rights leadership.

From Backpack to Briefcase: Let the Journey Begin

A professional career development and leadership skills conference is being held at the University of Pittsburgh Bradford on January 29. The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is free to all Clarion University students. Transportation is available.

To register for this event, contact Tonya Thompson in 221 Frame Hall at ext. 1275 or 1277.

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Introducing Brett O'Neil: Staff-writer for the *Voice*

Hello fellow students and faculty. My name is Brett O'Neil, and I am a sophomore communication major at Clarion University–Venango Campus. I just recently entered into this particular major, but hopefully it will prove to be a great learning experience. However, many people probably believe it would be ironic for me to enter into this major because I'm more of the "quiet" or shy type. Nevertheless, I believe I can overcome these obstacles as my scholastic career progresses. Joining the *Venango Voice* will allow me to enhance my writing and communication skills, along with giving me the opportunity to complete one of my co-curricular requirements. I hope it proves to be a great learning experience, and I hope the readers of the *Voice* take great interest in what the paper has to offer. Enjoy your spring semester and try not to get too stressed out because break is always around the corner!

NEW Christian Fellowship Organization

Searching for God? Want to be a part of a Christian Fellowship Group? Then ICF is for you!

What is ICF? It's the new Interdenominational Christian Fellowship group at Venango Campus. Its purpose is to learn about the Christian faith, provide Christian fellowship and to allow people to meet or be reunited with God.

Weekly meetings will be held in 108 Frame on Mondays, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. starting January 24. The meetings are open to students, faculty, and staff who feel led to attend. Gatherings will consist of music, prayer, and faith lessons.

For more information, contact Angie Shontz at s_acshontz@clarion.edu, or Dr. McBride at smcbride@clarion.edu.

Community Assistant Applications

Applications are available for the 2005-2006 Community Assistant position in the student apartments. Interested students may pick up an application in the Student Affairs office, 222 Montgomery Hall. Completed applications are due on April 4.

Learning Support Center Provides Academic Assistance

The Learning Support Centers of Clarion University–Venango Campus provide many services to enhance the academic success of students. Peer tutoring, group study sessions, myriad academic resources, assistive technology, and study skills instruction are some of the learning advantages offered.

The LSC has special assistive technology available in 319 Montgomery Hall, including tutorials on CD for Microsoft Office products, the World Encyclopedia on CD, and software that will read your texts to you, enlarge text in your books or documents for easier viewing, optical character reading, and more! In addition, the LSC provides a series of technology workshops to help students become acquainted with how to use technology in the Clarion University environment, as well as how to use the software available in the campus computer labs. Please refer to the article below for the spring workshop schedule.

The Learning Support Centers are open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday. Services are free to Venango Campus students and no appointment is required. Stop by 318 Montgomery Hall to check out the Learning Support Centers and see how they can help you. Tutors are available now! Don't wait till it's too late!

The LSC is hosting their open house February 15 and 16. Refreshments and doorprizes are provided.

The Learning Support Center is offering the following technology workshops this semester:

Jan. 25	APA StyleEase
Feb. 8	PowerPoint
Feb. 15	Publisher
Feb. 22	Basic Web Page creation

All workshops are conducted in 311 Montgomery Hall from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and are free. No prior registration is required.

Watch the *Voice* for weekly reminders and new workshops.

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Dear Lucy: A Weekly Advice Column



Dear Lucy:

A friend of mine just told me that the guy she was casually dating raped her and she is now thinking about dropping out of school so she doesn't have to be around him. She said they were both drinking and is afraid of getting in trouble because she's underage. What can I do to help her?

Concerned

Dear *Concerned*:

It's not unusual for a victim of rape to experience a wide range of emotions such as confusion, embarrassment, helplessness, fear, and anger. The roller coaster of emotions will continue until counseling is sought. Recovery can take a long time and it is important that follow up counseling take place.

It is not necessary to report the assault to the police, but it could be helpful in empowering the victim to feel safe again. It also could help others, as your friend may not have been the first person to be assaulted by this person.

You may notice your friend becoming unsure of herself and withdrawing from social settings. Encourage her to talk to a rape-crisis counselor. Their services are free and confidential.

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YMCA Younger Days Child Care Center

The Oil City YMCA and Clarion University-Venango Campus have collaborated to open the Younger Days Child Care and Preschool Center, located in Montgomery Hall, Venango Campus. The state-licensed center is operated by the YMCA and is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center accommodates infants as young as six weeks of age and children through age 12. Breakfast, as well as morning and afternoon snacks are provided. The center is accepting area children, and children of students and staff at Venango Campus.

The Venango Campus Childcare staff is excited to welcome nine new smiling faces to their already great bunch of kids this semester.

YMCA Child Care is affordable to members of the community, and those who cannot afford it are given financial assistance when possible. Additional assistance may be available through Child Care Information Services at 814-437-1906.

Laura Ongley is the YMCA Younger Days Center Coordinator. For more information, call the YMCA Younger Days Center at 814-676-6591, ext. 1299.

Upcoming CD Releases

- 1/25: **Ani DiFranco**—*Knuckle Down*
- 1/25: **Kenny Chesney**—*Be As You Are*
- 1/25: **Emma**—*Free Me*
- 1/25: **LeAnn Rimes**—*This Woman*
- 1/25: **Six Pence None the Richer**—*The Early Years*
- 1/25: **Motorhead**—*Self-titled*
- 2/1: **Unwritten Law**—*Here's to the Mourning*
- 2/1: **Motley Crue**—*Red, White & Crue*
- 2/8: **3 Doors Down**—*Seventeen Days*
- 2/8: **Brian McKnight**—*Gemini*
- 2/8: **Le Ann Womack**—*There's More Where That Came From*
- 2/8: **Cher**—*Greatest Hits Vol. 1*

News

Campus Activities Board Upcoming Events

Erie Otters Hockey Trip

When: Friday, January 28

How much: \$5 each

Sign-up: 222 Montgomery Hall

Leave campus at 5:30 p.m. and return 11 p.m.-midnight

*Bus space is limited, so sign up early or you may drive up yourself.

ArcheDream

When: Friday, February 4 at 7 p.m.

How much: Free!

Sign-up: 222 Montgomery Hall

Where: Rhoades Auditorium

ArcheDream is an archetypal mask theatre that uses ritual, movement, and myth to present allegorical dramas. They use masks, costumes, original music, various forms of dance, and multimedia projections to tell their stories. For more information, visit www.archedream.com.

Erie Otters Hockey Trip

When: Saturday, February 19

How much: \$5 each

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Dinner Cruise aboard the Victorian Princess

When: Friday, May 6 in Erie, Pa.

More information is coming soon!

*Please make note of the date changes for the Erie Otters games which were incorrect on the student calendars.

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Iraq, As the World Watches

By: Brett O'Neil

As winter continues to afflict our region with frigid temperatures and snow, January progresses through its predictable phase. And as January concludes, perhaps we won't notice what has transpired during this particular month.

However, January 30 for many in the United States will consist of looking forward to the Super Bowl on February 6, or what's just occurring on that Sunday. The Middle East country of Iraq, where the United States and "Coalition Forces"—consisting of 27 different nations—have continued to be involved in Iraq's stabilization, will hold elections on this particular date.

Whether or not you agree or disagree on how the United States and other nations have conducted matters dealing with Iraq, it is vital to realize these people will finally have an influence on what occurs in their homeland.

Even with all the violence that has scarred their country, it's probable that elections will remain on schedule for January 30.

With "111 political parties and entities competing for shares of representation," according to White House officials, the voting process will not be flawless, but as time advances, things could improve gradually in the Middle East.

Clearly at the beginning of our country, and even today, problems arise with our election process, but we must remember that even with our diverse nation, voting has been an overwhelming success.

Whether establishing a democratic government in Iraq will succeed or fail depends ultimately on these elections, and that will directly influence the United States on a global level.

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Tonya Thompson Named Coordinator of Career Services

Venango Campus has named Tonya J. Thompson coordinator of career services. In her new position, Thompson is responsible for a comprehensive career services program serving current and prospective students, alumni, employers, and other community members. She came to Venango Campus from St. Bonaventure University where she was assistant director of residence life.

"Tonya Thompson is an excellent addition to our team," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of Venango Campus. "She brings outstanding knowledge and experience in student affairs and career development to our campus and community."

A Clarion University alumna with a Bachelor of Science degree in communication, Thompson cites her undergraduate experience as the reason for her own career choice.



"My experience at Clarion University is the reason I pursued student affairs as my career," she said. "There were several faculty and staff members who were mentors to me throughout my college experience. Through my position, I hope to give back a little of what I received to Clarion University-Venango Campus students."

Thompson earned her Master of Arts degree in student affairs in higher education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, while serving as a graduate assistant in the office of student affairs at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

Yes...I Meant No

What is it to be assertive? According to Webster's Dictionary it is being confidently aggressive or self assured. To assert is to state positively or declare, to maintain or defend, to claim one's rights or declare one's views insistently. I think most people feel self-assured or confident, so why is it you hear people state that they wished they would have spoken up and said no to a commitment or regretted they had not stood their ground?

I think, for the most part, it is because people like to help people or want to be liked. The process is a learned behavior. How do you break the cycle and learn to say no? How can you make yourself feel okay to not helping out every time you are asked? How do you stand firm in your decision even if it is against what others think? All this and more can be learned in the Assertiveness Workshop, February 19, 26; March 5, 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 404 Montgomery Hall.

The workshop addresses the issues of being non-assertive, aggressive, and/or a people pleaser and assists participants in overcoming behavior that is non-productive and futile. The class investigates the reasons why individuals believe they cannot say "No," why people cry when really they are angry, and many other personal reactions that make people uncomfortable and non-assertive.

The workshop is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education at Venango Campus. The program costs \$69 and you may register by calling 676-6591, ext. 1273. Bring a brown bag lunch.

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News

Archedream Coming to Venango Campus

Archedream, "an archetypal mask theatre that uses ritual, movement, and myth to present allegorical dramas" is coming to Venango Campus on Friday, February 4, at 7 p.m. in Rhoades Auditorium.

Sponsored by CAB, *The Poet's Dream*, a 75-minute presentation with three acts (no intermission), divulges "a mute poet" that enters into the "world full of war and confusion." By traveling on many expeditions, he struggles to find himself, lost in the turmoil of the planet.

With the use of masks, costumes, original music, various forms of dance, and multimedia projections, Archedream strives to convey a cross-cultural experience, with much of the music and dialogue influenced by African culture.

The neon-colored costumes lit with black light produce a unique experience that is difficult to miss.

To attend the special event, sign up now in 222 Montgomery Hall. For information on Archedream, visit their Website at www.archedream.com.

The event is free to the public.

Oil Heritage Lecture Series

A lecture series by Neil McElwee is scheduled for February 5 and 12, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The series covers "Standard Oil Men in the Early Oil Region" on the first Saturday, and "The Cradle Streets of the Early Oil Region" on the second Saturday.

The lecture series, held in Rhoades Auditorium, is \$15 for one session or \$25 for the series.

The series is presented by the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, and Tourism and Venango Campus.

For reservations, call 677-3152, ext. 29; register through the Division of Continuing Education of Venango Campus at 676-6591, ext. 1273; or stop by the Continuing Education office in 215 Frame Hall. E-mail hlineman@clarion.edu for more information on this lecture series or any of the classes offered by Continuing Education.

Make checks payable to Oil Region Alliance.

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Applications are available for the 2005-2006 student apartment community assistant position.

Community assistants are employed by the Clarion University Foundation, Inc. and work cooperatively with Venango Campus Student Affairs staff to fulfill position responsibilities and promote the general welfare of all residential students.

A community assistant must be a sophomore, junior, or senior student during employment; have full-time status; and maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 during employment. The student must be in good standing with the university and have leadership experience.

Interested students can pick up an application in 222 Montgomery Hall. The deadline is April 4.

Eric Otters Trip on February 19

The second Eric Otters hockey game trip is Saturday, February 19. The bus leaves the campus at 5:30 p.m. and returns between 11 p.m. and midnight. Bus space is limited to only 24 seats, so sign up early or drive yourself. Tickets for the game are \$5 each and the sign-up is deadline is 8 a.m., February, in the Student Affairs office, 222 Montgomery Hall.

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Dear Lucy: *A Weekly Advice Column on Relationships*



Dear Lucy:

I recently broke up with my girlfriend and she won't let go. She keeps calling me on the phone. She sends me 10 e-mails a day. She is bothering all of my friends, wanting to know what I am doing. I've asked her to quit bothering me and my friends. What else can I do to get her to stop?

Tired of dealing with her

Dear Tired:

It sounds as if she is not willing to accept the relationship is over. Whatever her reasons, she is making your life difficult. There are several steps you can take that may end the harassment.

First of all, document all contact. Keep voice-mails, e-mails and any other correspondence. If the problem continues you can send a "harassment letter" requesting that she have no further contact with you. If the problem continues, you can file a harassment report with the police department and if the phone calls, e-mails, etc. don't stop, stalking charges can be filed once a course of conduct is demonstrated. If your friends are being bothered also, they too can file harassment charges.

If you need additional suggestions, particularly if the problem has been escalating, feel free to contact The Crisis Center counselor on campus in 234 Montgomery Hall from 12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Lucy

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The summer application date has not yet been set, but will probably be late July or early August. The summer application period is for new students only, including beginning students, students coming back after being out of school for a period of time, or students transferring in from another school. Generally, 10-15 scholarships are awarded in August.

Students must be taking at least part of their schedule at Venango Campus to be eligible for these scholarships. Clarion Campus students are not eligible for Venango Campus scholarships unless they are also taking courses at Venango. Submit applications to the Frame office or to Dr. Glenn McElhattan, Scholarship Committee Chair. Applications are available in the Admissions and Financial Aid office.

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Black History Month Celebrations

Drumming Circle and Workshop

On **Tuesday, February 8**, in Rhoades Student Center (time TBA), Elie Kihonia of Afrika Yetu will present a workshop on drumming and lead a drumming circle with workshop participants.

Elie Kihonia is the founder of Afrika Yetu and UMOJA African Arts Company. He was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) and exposed to both traditional and neo-traditional African music and dance at an early age. He began performing at age nine with various youth choirs and, in 1980, joined the international GEVAKIN Choir/The Musical Bridge. As a multi-instrumentalist who plays both African percussion and contemporary instruments, his expertise includes the xylophone, mbira, hand and set drums, keyboard, accordion, and guitars.

While in Zaire, Kihonia developed his passion for keeping the roots of African arts alive, and became a pioneer in intermixing traditional and neo-traditional music. In 1989, under his direction, GEVAKIN toured Africa, Europe, and the United States. Seeing the need to introduce and promote Africa's rich and diverse history, culture, and traditions through song and dance, Kihonia became a co-founder of UMOJA African Arts Company to unify and promote the arts of diverse African cultures. He performs, teaches, choreographs, writes, and produces multi-cultural productions internationally.

Kihonia has been associated with the Ministry of Culture and Arts in his native Democratic Republic of Congo, as the international director of production. He served as an artist consultant for the Museum of African Art in New York, The Carnegie Museums in Pittsburgh, The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and various universities such as Carnegie Mellon University, The University of Pittsburgh, La Roche College, and the Natal University of Durban in South Africa. Elie Kihonia was the driving force behind UMOJA African Arts Company becoming internationally known. He has collaborated with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and Dance Council, the Three Rivers Arts Festival as a production consultant, and with individual artists and groups such as Miriam Makeba, Sharon Katz and the Peace Train, Yondo Sister, Soukous Stars, Pepe Felly Manuaku, Liz Lerman, David Fanshawe, Carol Beckwith and Angela Fisher of the African Ceremonies and The Pittsburgh City Brass, The Bach Choir and Dance Alloy. He also wrote music for the Pittsburgh Symphony and various performing arts organizations throughout the United States.

In 2000, as part of the new millennium, Kihonia developed Safari, Afrika Yetu's educational residency

Program, and tours with the WACONGO Dance Company. He is currently conducting healing drum workshops with various health and Aids-related organizations such as the Mercy Behavior Health Center, Persad, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, Citipark/Senior Citizens, and the Marimba House in South Africa. In 2002, Kihonia made history in Salvador/Bahia, Brazil participating with 10 percussionists from various African countries who led a parade of 600 percussionists from Brazil in the first African Carnival ever held in that country. In 2003, Kihonia was the music producer for the 2003 National Urban League Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Rust has been a guest on the Phil Donahue Show, has appeared in *People Magazine*, starred in the Broadway Musical Hit "Pump Boys & Dinettes," and has several recordings. His CD, "Home Fires", features Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul & Mary) and Jay Ungar (PBS Civil War series). Rust's latest CD, "Legacy," features songs of family and growing up. Recently, Mark was nominated for a Campus Entertainer of the Year Award by the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA).

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Voices

20 Questions: With Michael Garrison, LSC Assistant

What do you do in your free time?
Target shoot

What would you be doing if you weren't working in the position you are in now?
Lecturing at an Air War College

What do you think is the best flavor in the whole wide world, whether it exists or not?
Blueberry

What is a definition that you would like to see in Webster's?
Etic=subject of study that impacts other studies

Name two things you would like to see added to a dollar menu?
A gallon of gas and Starbucks Coffee

What is your favorite complete meal?
Chicken Marseille, black bean soup, scalloped potatoes, Tuscan Boule

What is your earliest memory from childhood?
My first trike

What is your favorite number?
7

What goes best with chocolate: Peanut butter, caramel, coconut, nuts, more chocolate or other?
Caramel

Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, it better be diet, as long as its caffeine free or whatever is on sale?
Barq's Root Beer

Rock, vegetable, or mineral?
Rock

What is the best kind of cheese?
Gouda

Best toothpaste?
Rembrandt

Good = A+ grades, warm fire, computers, books, snow skiing, motorcycle riding

What is the best kind of music and why?
Baroque. Because it helps you study

What are computers to you?
Trusted friend

What is on your priority list, but is not on the top?
Writing books

What is your sign?
Taurus

Who is your favorite person?
Author Daniel Defoe

Anything you'd like to say to our readers?
Keep reading

In Response to "From the Editor's Desk" on January 17, 2005

By: Kari Martz

I just finished reading the article about PennDOT in the *Voice*, and I am extremely aggravated by the comments made. My father has worked for PennDOT for about 10 years. Most winter days, he works 12-hour shifts starting at midnight and ending at noon. He is constantly being called out to work to tackle the horrible weather. He has missed holidays, birthdays, and other important family events to risk his life to save others. I am actually really angry that you don't have more respect for people like my father. He gives up almost all of his social and family time in the winter to plow the roads and make sure they are as clean as possible.

I realize that the roads are not always as clear as we would like them to be. So here is my advice: slow down, leave early, or stay home instead of complaining. The Weather Channel is not always accurate, so we are not always aware of what is in store for us. But, I can attest to the fact that as soon as the weather starts getting bad, my household receives a phone call for my dad to go to work.

So have some respect for PennDOT, and my dad, who not only do a good job, but also risk their lives doing it, and next Christmas, while you are having a nice holiday dinner, think about my dad who is making sure you can get home okay.

Landmine Materials Display in Library

Suhr Library has compiled a display of materials about land mines and Jerry White's Landmine Survivors Network (LSN) in the browsing area of the library. Materials may be used in the library during regular operating hours. White will be a guest speaker on campus Tuesday, February 1, at 7 p.m. in Rhoades gymnasium and a dessert reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

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LSC Tutor Schedule

The Learning Support Centers at Venango Campus provide peer tutors and professional staff who are dedicated to helping students with study skills and subject-related questions. The LSC is accredited by the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA).

Tutoring Center

318 Montgomery Hall

Monday

9 a.m. – noon	Peggy Lee
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Amanda Barr
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Peggy Lee
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Sheena Hoover
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Doug Bussell

Tuesday

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Doug Bussell
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Kathy Clark
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Amanda Barr
3 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Jacqui Hricsina

Wednesday

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Leigh Weaver
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Matt Braun
5 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Brett O'Neil

Thursday

8 a.m. – noon	Doug Bussell
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6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Eric Beightol

Friday

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Leigh Weaver
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Saturday

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Angie Weber
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Sunday

1 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Jacqui Hricsina
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Writing Center

319 Montgomery Hall

Monday

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Doug Bussell
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Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – noon	Doug Bussell
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Wednesday

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Doug Bussell
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Sheena Hoover

Thursday

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Eric Beightol
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Computer Lab

311 Montgomery Hall

Monday

Noon – 4 p.m.	Scott O'Neil
5 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	CIS 217
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Brett O'Neil

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	CIS 217
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	ENG 111
12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Brett O'Neil
5 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	CIS 217
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Scott O'Neil

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Christine Clark
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Kathy Clark
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Scott O'Neil
5 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	CIS 217
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.	CIS 317

Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	CIS 217
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	ENG 110
Noon – 2 p.m.	Christine Clark
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Scott O'Neil
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	CIS 217

See our hallway bulletin board for tutor's faces and complete listing of courses.

In addition to tutoring services, we offer computer resources for:

Math, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking, Keyboarding Tutorial, NCLEX Review, Body Works for A +P, Assistive Technology

Study skills instruction in:

Time Management, Textbook Reading, Notetaking, Test Taking and Interactive Learning

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Amanda Barr

ED 225, ENG 110, 111, ENG 130, HIS 121, MAT11 050, PHIL 111, PHSC 111, SOC 211, SC 113

Matt Braun

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Christine Clark

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CRJT 110, MATH 050, PHSC 111, SC 113

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Brett O'Neil

CIS 110, 217, ENG 110, 111, ES 111, GEO 100, HIS 215, HPE 111, MATH 050, 112, PHSC 111, PS 210, PS 211, PSY 211, PSY 225, SC 113

Scott O'Neil

CIS 110, GEO 100, HIST 215, HPE 111, SC 113

Leigh Weaver

BIO 111, BIO Anatomy 2 (study group), ENG 110, MATH 050, PHSC 111, PSY 211, SOC 211

Angie Weber

CIS 217, ED 110, 122, ED 225, ENG 110, 111, HPE 111, MATH 050, 112, 221, PSY 211, SC 113, SPED 230



The Campus Activities Board Fitness/Wellness Challenge

At the Campus Activities Board planning retreat last Spring, many of the students who participated commented that students, staff, and faculty all seemed to be very stressed. The students talked about the "negative" behaviors individuals practiced, mostly as coping mechanisms. The discussion evolved into the idea of having a three-week campus program (the minimal time that it's thought to take to break a habit) to discuss coping issues and possibly help students, staff, and faculty develop more positive strategies to deal with stress. Excessive stress, as well as too much negative stress, is thought to be the precursor to many well-known illnesses.



As a start, the Campus Activities Board is looking for any individuals who would like to participate in an exercise and relaxation program. The program will not be strictly geared toward weight loss, although losing weight may occur naturally, but to experiencing the physiologic effects of exercise and the natural relaxation of body and mind. There is no meeting time frame set at this point; it will be structured around individuals who wish to participate in the program. We hope that this may be the start of a program that grows into other areas. Interested persons should e-mail emuschwack@clarion.edu, or sign up at the Student Services office, 222 Montgomery Hall.

The program is expected to begin in early February. The *Voice* plans to publish some great success stories in April. Join us and become one of those success stories!

Spring 2005 Continuing Education

Many exciting programs and courses are being offered through Continuing Education at Venango this semester. Partnerships have been developed with many local agencies focusing on training needs or interests in the community. Continuing Education has responded by offering numerous classes. Visit www.clarion.edu/academic/venango/continuing_education/ to view the entire brochure.

There are courses for everyone, from general interest to preparing students with hands-on skills for their work environments, preparing individuals for medical or legal environments, classes for children, college prep and study skills courses, computer training, and more. A section of computer classes is devoted to senior citizens. A 16-Hour Certificate Program addresses "Skills for Professional Advancement," a great way to gain "soft" skills and supervisory understanding.

Non-credit classes offer a variety of benefits including exposure to new topics, career training, low cost, and minimal time commitment. For more information, stop by 215 Frame Hall or call 676-6591, ext. 1273.

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The Visions' Program

By: Shawn Bennett

Visionquest's Visions Program, launched last May, is designed for 18- and 19-year-old men to prepare them for the real world. Participants perform everyday tasks like laundry, cooking, and cleaning. As with Visionquest, a counselor is present at all times. The building appears to be a dormitory, but it is very comfortable, furnished with couches, a full-sized kitchen, and back patio. Bedrooms feature two beds, desks, chairs, and two designated walls for posters.

One participant is responsible for maintaining the house. Additional steps are taken once men are released from the program, for example, assistance in finding a job. According to the *News-Herald*, another vital part of the VisionQuest program teaches participants to spend their time giving back to society. "Community service is just so important," lodge director Col. Kenn Capper said. "We try to teach the youth here to give back to the community." VisionQuest volunteers donate time and manpower at places like Two Mile Run County Park, the Venango Area Riding for the Handicapped Association (VARHA), and Sally's Soup Kitchen at the Franklin Salvation

Army. Capper is hoping to expand the volunteer program. "Anyone who needs community service, we relish the call," he said. Capper can be reached at 432-7969.

LSC Spring Workshop Series Reminder

Don't forget to attend Learning Support Center workshops to learn more about computer programs on campus. All of the workshops are held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in 311 Montgomery Hall. The dates of the remaining workshops are as follows:

February 8—Microsoft PowerPoint

February 15—Microsoft Publisher

February 22—Basic Web Page Creation

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I have a small problem, and I'm just asking for additional advice. I really like my girlfriend. I am very fond of her. I also have a friend whom I am also very fond of. Here is the catch: 1) we have both been tempted with each other, 2) she is not single, 3) she is just as fond of me as I am of her.

I know this because we've talked about it. Since neither of us want to do any emotional damage to each other or the others' significant other, we decided to just stay friends. We treat each other as closer than friends. We avoid being together without being either in public or in the presence of another individual. Can you tell me some more things that would help keep us from getting into bad situations? Maybe some suggestions of some things we can do to hang out but not continue to draw closer to each other in a way that would jeopardize our current relationships?

Ottoto

Dear Ottoto:

There are three different levels of intimacy/love- romantic, nurturing, and addictive. Nurturing love is a deeper, more complicated relationship. It is comforting to know that there is someone who listens to you without judging or trying to change you. Both appreciate each other's positive qualities, but also recognize and accept each other's limitations.

It will become very difficult to maintain this friendship should it become physically intimate. It's good to acknowledge your mutual attraction without acting on it. Sometimes we want what we can't have simply because it is forbidden. Is this what is happening? Once physically intimate, you could begin to compare your significant other with your friend and wonder why your partner can't be more like your friend. Ultimately, both relationships will suffer.

My grandmother wisely said that friends can always be lovers, but lovers aren't always friends. (Based on personal experience, sometimes the fantasy is much better than the reality.) We often seek that one person to meet all of our needs. This is an illusion as we need many people to keep us healthy.

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Imagine this scenario...

By: Brett O'Neil

One random day, aliens from outer space decide they want to make our lives miserable here on Earth. So what do you suppose they could possibly do? With a giant tentacle of light extending from their spacecraft, they steal, with swift precision, all of the world's cell phones and palm pilots. Did I mention they were going to hold onto them for an incredibly long year?

Picture the people no longer capable of dealing with the world, being robbed blind of a phone constantly attached to their earlobes. People now would have to use safeguards when driving—keeping within 15 to 20 mph of the speed limit, and realizing text messaging in the middle of highway traffic leads to messy conclusions. Loud voices when going to the mall, or studying for a final exam, would be gone. Gone for a good year. The "can you hear me now?" guy, famous from those annoying Verizon commercials, would finally be transported light years away to a planet where he would fit in rather nicely.

And when that painful year comes to an end and all the cell phones and palm pilots return, the irritating guy on TV, in his programmed, robotic voice would only have two words to say after his voyage, "EMERGENCIES ONLY, EMERGENCIES ONLY, EMERGENCIES ONLY..."

Voices

The 2005 Presidential Inauguration

By: Kimberly Morris

What an experience! The 2005 presidential inauguration was amazing, and I was so thrilled to be able to attend. I went prepared, wearing many layers and taking lots of extra hats and gloves, but I was glad that I ended up not needing them until much later.

Because of the huge crowds and all the noise that accompanies them, we were not able to hear the inauguration, but just being there as a part of history was enough of a thrill!

We decided to go find a good spot on the parade route instead of staying for the inauguration since we couldn't hear anything, which turned out to be a really good decision. The only drawback was going through security.

Going through security in itself wasn't bad; it was the protestors that were in the crowd before you reached the security that made it not so enjoyable. We ended up having to wait for about an hour and a half before we made it inside the security tent. While we were waiting, the protestors started to get a little too rowdy in their protesting. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a snowball came flying up and hit one of the guards standing in front of the security gates! They started to throw big pieces of PVC pipe into the crowd. About that time, the police showed up and things calmed down quickly. Once we got through security, we headed over to the parade route where, after a short wait, we were able to get bleacher seats. The parade is quite impressive!

I've always had a great interest in and respect for the military and the parade had a lot of military personnel participating, as well as many different high school and professional bands. The NYPD and the New York Fire Department were also in attendance which was a big hit.

The parade lasted for about two hours, and, by that time, it was starting to get cold and the extra clothes came in handy! Security was **VERY** tight the entire time. With that many security personnel around, undercover and otherwise, you couldn't help but feel safe!

I was so happy to be able to be a part of that historical moment and I'm so appreciative that my teachers, Rick Steinmann, Ellen Foster, and John Eichlin, encouraged me to attend and supported my decision to skip class! I'm so glad that we have such a wonderful president leading our country! God bless America!

Invention of the Craft-Paint-O-Matic Car

By: Hope Lineman

I believe there is a need to stop tailgaters from getting within 100 feet of rear bumpers. In driving to work on a daily basis, it never ceases to amaze me the number of people that continually save gas by riding on the air current five- to 10-feet behind my car. Typically, I drive about five mph above the allotted speed limit, so, at any given time, I travel between 50 to 60 mph, which is not holding up traffic.

The reason tailgating is a pet peeve of mine is because two of the most precious things in my life are usually in the back seat. If we are hit from behind, there is nothing I can do to protect my children. It is hard enough for tailgaters to stop on dry roads, let alone icy, snow covered roads. I think we need to take drastic measures to help curb this epidemic.

I would love to see the invention of vehicles that have an extension that reaches back with a brush that is loaded with fluorescent paint. Someone is too close? Hit the Craft-Paint-O-Matic button and the tailgater is permanently marked. They would have to go to the police barracks to get the paint removed, pay a fine, and retake their driver's training course to get back out on the road.

I tend to think drastic measures might actually result in reducing the number of tailgaters. Are there any technology-minded individuals out there that want to take this one on? You could patent the contraption and make a fortune!

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Award-winning Technology Program to be Offered in Pennsylvania

FirstEnergy Corp.'s Power Systems Institute (PSI), an award-winning, two-year degree program designed to prepare students for employment in a variety of electrical fields, will be available in western Pennsylvania at Venango beginning this fall.

The two-year program provides graduates a Clarion University an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology degree with a concentration in electric utility technology. FirstEnergy established PSI to help develop a source for future electric professionals with an emphasis on overhead line work. It is the first such program in FirstEnergy's Penelec service area.

"We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Venango Campus," said John Paganic, Penelec regional president. "In addition to offering excellent facilities and quality academic programs to supplement the program's technical requirements, the campus is located in an area that will enable students from all over western Pennsylvania to enroll."

"Having the FirstEnergy Power Systems Institute affiliated with our growing Department of Applied Technology at the Venango Campus presents a unique opportunity to work with an important member of the Pennsylvania business community," said Clarion University President Dr. Joseph P. Grunewald. "FirstEnergy Corp. is the fifth partner in our applied technology program. Clarion University is pleased to join with accredited, certified, licensed, and/or otherwise approved technical education organizations to offer high-quality educational opportunities for students in our region and beyond."

In addition to learning the essentials and the hands-on skills necessary for becoming an electric utility worker, students also enroll in general education and business courses including economics, physics, and English composition. Students in the program will receive first aid and CPR certifications and a Class A Commercial Driver's License.

The FirstEnergy PSI program was recognized in 2001 by the Corporate University Xchange as one of the top corporate training programs in the country. The PSI program was awarded an honorable mention in the "Developing Learning Alliances with Universities" category.

Penelec is an operating subsidiary of FirstEnergy-Corp. FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity; marketing of natural gas; and energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies comprise the nation's fifth largest electric system, based on 4.4 million customers served within a 36,100 square-mile area of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

"This is an exciting time for the Venango Campus," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean. "We have reached an all-time record enrollment this year and have opened the first two of seven planned student apartment buildings. Our Department of Applied Technology now offers more than 25 industrial concentrations. We are delighted to add this new partnership and program that will lead to good jobs, and we are indebted to members of our community who have supported this new venture including our elected officials and our economic development colleagues."

For more information about the PSI program, contact Cathy Deka, supervisor, Power Systems Institute, FirstEnergy Corp., at 440-604-9722 ; or Professor Vic Bowser at ext. 1307.

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News

Renee Smith-Schaffer Named Chair of the New Department of Allied Health

Renee C. Smith-Schaffer has been named chair of Clarion University's new Department of Allied Health, located at Venango Campus. Smith-Schaffer came to her new position from Ohio Valley General Hospital in McKees Rocks where she served as director of the School of Radiography.

Smith-Schaffer began her clinical training at ACMH School of Radiologic Technology in Kittanning where she was awarded the D.W. Minter Award for Academic Excellence. She earned her bachelor's degree in radiologic science from LaRoche College and her master's degree in health science from Slippery Rock University.

Smith-Schaffer is a member of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Tri-State Educators in Radiologic Technology, the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology, and the Association of Educators in Radiologic Science.

"Renee Smith-Schaffer is a tremendous addition to our team," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of Venango Campus and academic dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health. "Her experience as both educator and clinician make her an ideal person to lead this new department as we respond to new opportunities that meet community, regional and national healthcare needs."

SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS!

The deadline date for submitting Venango Campus scholarship applications for the 2005-2006 school year is February 18. Anyone who will be a student during the next school year may apply. Applications are available in the Admissions and Financial Aid Office in Frame Hall. One application covers all scholarships administered by the Venango Campus Scholarship committee.

Students must be taking at least part of their schedule at Venango Campus to be eligible. Clarion Campus students are not eligible for Venango Campus scholarships unless they are also taking courses at Venango. Submit applications to the Frame Office or to Dr. Glenn McElhattan, Scholarship Committee chair. Pick up applications in the Admissions and Financial Aid Office.

LSC Spring Workshop Series Reminder

Don't forget to attend the Learning Support Center's workshops to learn more about computer programs we have on campus. All of the workshops will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in 311 Montgomery Hall.

February 15—Microsoft Publisher

February 22—Basic Web Page Creation

Adult Learner's Organization Pie Sale

The ALO is selling 20 different varieties of pies and pumpkin rolls until February 28. Anyone who joins ALO during their pie sale is eligible to win \$25 in Eagle Dollars and a \$25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. Individuals selling more than \$100 in pies receive a free Venango Campus bookbag (\$7 value). Drop by 322 Montgomery Hall to pick up an order form.

Pies are priced at \$7.50 each, and pumpkin rolls are \$5 per roll. Pies will be delivered on March 23—just in time for the beginning of the holiday break. Find an ALO member or Darlene to order your pies!

Student Development Series Reminder

The Student Development Series, facilitated by Kay King, Venango Campus counselor, will continue through April. The development series is held from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Activities Board room, 228 Montgomery Hall. All meetings are held on Tuesdays and students may attend all meetings or the ones they prefer. The dates of the development series are as follows:

March 1—Re-evaluating Values, Plans, and Career Options.

April 5—Preparing for the Next Step. Am I Ready (for the Real World)?

For more information, contact King at ext. 1281, or stop by her office, 234 Montgomery Hall, during her new hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Counseling sessions can be made by appointment.

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Dear Lucy:

A Weekly Advice Column on Relationships



Dear Lucy:

A friend of mine just told me that the guy she was casually dating raped her and she is now thinking about dropping out of school so she doesn't have to be around him. She said they were both drinking and is afraid of getting in trouble because she's under age. What can I do to help her?

Concerned

Dear *Concerned*:

It's not unusual for a victim of rape to experience a wide range of emotions such as confusion, embarrassment, helplessness, fear, and anger. This roller coaster of emotions will continue until counseling is sought. Recovery can take a long time and it is important that follow-up counseling takes place.

It is not necessary to report the assault to the police, but it could be helpful in empowering the victim to feel safe again. It could also help others as your friend may not have been the first person to be assaulted by this person.

You may notice your friend becoming unsure of herself and withdrawing from social settings. Encourage your friend to talk to a rape-crisis counselor. Their services are free and confidential.

Lucy

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Landmine Survivor Provided Informative Presentation

By: Brett O'Neil

Nearly 250 people filled the Rhoades Student Center Gymnasium to witness Jerry White, co-founder of the Landmine Survivors Network. A fascinating program, White told of his early days growing up in Boston. He attended Brown University where, in the spring of 1984, he decided to travel to Israel. While camping with his friends in the northern part of the country, he stumbled across a field of landmines resulting in the loss of his foot. Nevertheless, he still maintains that he was very fortunate to survive as most people who tread upon landmines don't survive.

After the terrible event, White, along with Ken Rutherford, started the Landmine Survivors Network, an organization dedicated to ridding the world of "weapons of mass destruction in slow motion."

Through this network, landmine survivors around the planet are able to obtain better access to health care as "fewer than 10 percent have proper access." Efforts to eradicate the over "80 million landmines in 80 countries," not including hundreds of millions stockpiled in supply depots around the globe, is another big focus of the LSN.

It is inspiring that White still sustains a very optimistic attitude despite losing his foot, even showing the audience his luxurious prosthetic leg and cracking jokes throughout the evening.

Venango Campus showed great support for Jerry White, evidenced by the energetic crowd on hand to witness Venango's first international speaker. Hopefully, as time evolves, more exciting speakers and performers will come to our campus. Education occurs beyond the classroom, broadening ourselves to new experiences.

News

Archedream Performance Review

By: Doug Strouse

Under the direction of Alan Bell, Archedream presented a version of "The Poet's Dream" at Venango Campus on February 4. The story line follows the typical trials and tribulations of a man's journey through life and its meaning. This is not a typical presentation; the opening scene tells us we are in for something completely different.

Bell, a native of South Africa, uses allegorical style to tell his version of the story. The style is a form of joining two cultures together, African and European, made popular during medieval times. "This style is using archetypes that are familiar in most other cultures," Bell said. "When other cultures see this type of expression, they can recognize some part of it". So far, Americans have had the most difficulty accepting his art form and Bell feels, as a rule, American audiences do not understand the concept and fear the unknown.

What makes this type of play unique? It isn't the story line. Our first impression is the costumes. Bell uses opposites in their creation. Large, brightly-colored masks and multicolored robes or capes adorn the players. Costumes and masks are all hand made and hand painted. The play isn't viewed in ordinary lighting; a black light is used instead, taking us back to a time when psychedelic pharmaceuticals made colors turn into a fire-like blend. Masks represent different emotions, seasons, time of day, and good and evil. As the story opens, we are greeted with our poet, a fellow with many letters on his robe, being dragged about by a satanic-looking creature. The hero is not very successful at defeating the devil, at one point calling upon night and day (or the gods that govern those times) for help. The costumes are equally as flamboyant as that of the hero. As the story progresses, the hero comes to terms with himself and the world.

What else make this play unique? The story is played out to music and dance. The music has an African tribal flavor with strong bass and a rhythmic chant. Dance is done with a combination belly dancing, modern African, break dancing, and even ballet. Break dancing represents warfare and ballet is used to represent peace. Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art-form, is also used with break dancing to depict warfare.

The dancers all come from different backgrounds. Several come from the Harrisburg and Camp Hill area of Pennsylvania. They have taken their show global, with appearances in Africa and other parts of the world. The players state they enjoy audience participation because it tells them the message is getting through. They are more than willing to share with the audience after the show and audience members experience the props first-hand by trying on the masks and a very sultry pair of shoes.

We at Venango Campus want to thank Alan Bell and Archedream for a great show, wish them continued success, and look forward to seeing them again. For more information on Archedream, go to www.archedream.com.

ALO February Lunch and Dinner

On Wednesday, February 16, from noon to 1 p.m., the Adult Learners' Organization is hosting a membership drive lunch. The informational meeting takes place in Rhoades Center and provides all interested non-traditional students with a free lunch.

ALO is also sponsoring a Wildlife Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 25, 2005, at 6 p.m. The dinner takes place in Rhoades Center and provides participants with a picnic dinner of assorted homemade food. Cost of entry is a donation of an animal support product. These products include bird seed, collars, leashes, pet shampoo, baking soda, paper towels, bleach, cat litter, washable plastic cat or dog toys, dog or cat treats, bedding, and towels. During the event, employees from the Sky Spirit Wild Bird Sanctuary will show live animals. Other representatives include the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and the Venango County Humane Society.

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Voices

20 Questions with Jerri Gent Director of Marketing and University Relations

What do you do in your free time?

I read, cook, play with my grandchildren, and hang out with my husband.

What would you be doing if you weren't working in the position you're in now?

Managing money made in the lottery, or I would still be working at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

What do you think is the best flavor in the whole wide world, whether it exists or not?

Spring, meaning it would have green ice cream and white chocolate chunks, not too many chunks though.

What is a definition that you would like to see in Webster's?

Relaxation = having lots of things to do, but doing none of them.

Name two things you would like to see added to a dollar menu in fast food?

French bread with brie cheese

What is your favorite full-course meal?

Pasta with veggies (no meat), French bread with lots of butter!

What is your earliest memory in childhood?

Reading to my grandmother.

What is your favorite number?

19

What goes best with chocolate: Peanut butter, caramel, coconut, nuts, or more chocolate?

Caramel

Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, it better be diet, or whatever is on sale?

Diet or whatever's on sale usually

Rock, vegetable, or mineral?

Vegetable

What is the best kind of cheese?

Brie

Best toothpaste?

Whatever keeps my teeth sparkling white

Define good.

Family

What is the best kind of music and why?

Instrumental music, especially classical, but anything without words

What are computers to you (friend, foe, arch nemesis)?

Necessary Evil

What is on your priority list, but is not on the top?

Write that novel!

What is your sign?

Pisces

Who is your favorite person (celebrity or someone you know)?

My husband, Hank.

Anything you'd like to say to our readers?

I'm just very happy to be here at Venango Campus and I'd like to hear why students have chosen to come to Venango. I hope to be able to better communicate with the students on this campus, and I'm here to help!

Student Affairs Open House Treasure Hunt

On February 15-16, the five areas of student affairs are holding an open house treasure hunt. Students can complete their coupon by visiting all of the student affairs offices: 222 Montgomery—Student Services, 232 Montgomery—Activities, 224 Montgomery—Counseling, 218 Frame—Career Center, and 318 Montgomery—Learning Support Centers. By visiting each place and getting the coupons stamped, students become eligible for the grand prize of a new Highland Trek backpack/bookbag on wheels.

In addition, each of the areas are offering fun, treats, prizes, and information. The Career Center features resumes and cover letters to make your job search pop. The Learning Support Centers are featuring tips to help students begin Lovin' and Learnin'. Stop by, meet all of the friendly staff, and join the fun!



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CAB Plans End of Semester Trip

The Campus Activities Board is planning an end of semester trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, May 13 through 15. Trip attractions include the Maid of the Mist, journey behind the falls, whitewater walk, butterfly conservatory and whirlpool aerocar. Attendees are entitled to use of the People Mover bus for two days. Cost for the trip is approximately \$100-\$140 per person, depending on whether there are two or four people per room.

Bus transportation from the campus on Sunday evening and hotel accommodations are included. Any Venango Campus student may go on the trip and may take one family member as a guest.

For more information, contact Ladona at s_lltrouse@clarion.edu.

Freedom Songs of the American Civil Rights Movement

On Thursday, February 24, at noon in the Rhoades Center, guitarist Mark Rust will perform an acoustic set to commemorate America's historical and continuing struggle for civil rights entitled "*Freedom – Songs of the American Civil Rights Movement*." It is a moving celebration of the songs that provided encouragement and comfort to an entire movement.

Songs include spirituals and gospel tunes sung in churches and at rallies, as well as the political and protest songs performed in coffeehouses and concert halls. This stirring performance includes songs such as *This Little Light of Mine*, *Blowing in the Wind*, *Get on Board, Go Tell It On The Mountain*, *If I Had A Hammer*, *Which Side Are You On*, and *We shall Not Be Moved*, as well as the anthem of the civil rights movement – *We Shall Overcome*.

Campus Activities Board Reminders

CAB is sponsoring a Financial Planning Workshop on Wednesday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in learning how to handle credit cards and what deals are good and bad, should attend.

CAB is reminding students to turn in their CAB survey forms from last week's *Voice* to be eligible for the drawing. At least 75 responses are needed to draw for a winner of a \$50 bookstore gift certificate.

Phi Theta Kappa Upcoming Events

Volunteers are needed to assist in the dressing room during the bridal show, February 27, at the Quality Inn in Franklin. If you are interested, contact Beth Jackson at ext. 1336 for more information.

Phi Theta Kappa members are selling Daffin's candy bars until March 21.

PTK is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for kids on Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m. The event is open to children age eight and under, and each child is asked to bring one non-perishable food item. Those interested may sign up in the bookstore.

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A Weekly Advice Column on Relationships



Dear *Lucy*:

Since I've been taking classes at Venango Campus, I keep seeing this one guy everywhere I go. I don't know his name but he is usually staring at me when I see him. I know Oil City is a small town but how do I know if this is more than just a coincidence? Am I being ...

Paranoid

Dear *Paranoid*:

Perhaps it is coincidence. I have seen the same people so often around town that I feel like I know them, but I don't. To determine if you are being stalked, pay more attention to your surroundings. If you are just seeing him on campus, he probably has a class at the same time you do. If you are seeing him off campus and too many times to be coincidence, he may be stalking you.

One in 12 women, and one in 45 men, will be stalked in their lifetime. Eighty-one percent of stalking involves a former intimate partner. Stalking is intentional behavior that includes repeatedly following a person, repeatedly attempting to contact the person, repeatedly harassing the person (phone calls, e-mails, unwanted gifts), and repeatedly intimidating the person. Stalking charges are essentially a series of harassments coupled with a more malevolent intent. Harassment is a single event such as following in public places, and communicating anonymously, threateningly, obscenely, or at extremely inconvenient hours.

For ways to safeguard against stalking, check out the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence Website at www.pcadv.org, or contact The Crisis Center at 677-4005.

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Drummer Officially Cleanses Venango of Evil Spirits

By: Brett O'Neil

On Thursday, February 10, Congo native Elie Kihonia brought his exceptional drumming skills to the Rhoades Student Center as part of the continuation of Black History month. Kihonia, of Afrika Yetu, combines old and new African musical forms to educate and entertain audiences worldwide. Performing since early childhood, Kihonia made this program interactive with audience participation.

Audience members, along with the master drummer, formed a ring of chairs during the lunch hour and began playing music with a variety of rhythms and beats. Drums, tambourines, and chants of African tradition flooded Rhoades, causing somewhat of a nuisance for classes in the auditorium below.

The program's goal, as Kihonia showed throughout the event, was to create a positive atmosphere at Venango and rid the campus of its negativity. Regardless of the abrupt ending due to several noise complaints, the event was a success. Many thanks go out to Student Senate for bringing such a talented human being to our campus!

The therapeutic exercise program, consisting of drumming and chanting, could raise GPAs while providing a physical .

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Twenty Questions with Carie Forden, Professor of Psychology

What do you do in your free time?

Read, play drums, take walks, hang out with family & friends.

What would you be doing if you weren't working in the position you're in now?

The same thing, only at a different school, and I'd be sad because I wasn't at the Venango Campus!

What do you think is the best flavor in the whole wide world, whether it exists or not?

Garlic

What is a definition that you would like to see in Webster's?

War= A primitive way of solving conflicts that is no longer practiced.

Name two things you would like to see added to a dollar menu?

Soba noodles with broccoli and tofu. Avocado sandwiches.

What is your favorite complete meal?

Omelette, salad, baguette with a glass of white wine, anywhere in France.

What is your earliest memory in childhood?

Watching my grandmother play a tambourine my parents bought me at the county fair.

What is your favorite number?

17

What goes best with chocolate: Peanut butter, caramel, coconut, nuts, more chocolate, or other?

Caramel and nuts

Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, it better be diet, as long as its caffeine free or whatever is on sale?

Water

Rock, vegetable, or mineral?

Vegetable

What is the best kind of cheese?

Goat

Best toothpaste?

Tom's of Maine

Good = Hot cup of tea, my son's laughter, learning something new, a bubble bath, someone making use of something I teach.

What is the best kind of music and why?

Jazz standards. Because they can be played and sung so many different ways.

What are computers to you?

Good friends, with all the ups and downs that such relationships entail.

What is on your priority list, but is not on the top?

Doing house repairs

What is your sign?

Scorpio

Who is your favorite person (celebrity or someone you know)?

My partner, David Perry

Anything you'd like to say to our readers?

I really do take it personally when people don't come to class!

Oil City YMCA Younger Days Children Celebrate the Return of Battery C

The Oil City YMCA Younger Days celebrated the return of Battery C of the 107th Infantry two weeks ago by painting posters of gratitude to commemorate the joyous occasion.

Each child showed their thanks and support as only preschool children could, by finger painting. These "works of art" are on display at the Oil City Chamber of Commerce building on Main Street.

As you pass by, take time to admire the precious masterpieces. We would also like to extend our thanks to the troops for doing a great job.

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Voices

Profile of Tifanee Weaver

By: Peggy Lee

The delightful smell of french fries hangs pleasantly in the air as I open the door with the yellow double-dipping arch in the center signifying that I have entered an American institution. A smiling girl calls to me from behind a clean, spacious counter as I look up. "May I take your order?"

Tifanee Weaver is a manager at the McDonalds restaurant in Franklin, Pa. Seeing Weaver in her spotless, white button-down oxford shirt with brown neckerchief tie is a bit different from seeing her at school. Weaver is also a speech communication major and a psychology minor at Clarion University-Venango Campus in neighboring Oil City, Pa.

Striding to the counter to order my favorite Big Mac sandwich, I hear Weaver chanting instructions and motivational cheers to her work crew to get through the lunch hour dash. The counter is packed with folks rushed on their short lunch breaks from the many nearby downtown businesses. The busy crew remains calm as Weaver's commands beats the cadence of efficiency in getting fast food into the hands of its customers just minutes after ordering.

As I sink my teeth into my Big Mac, arguably America's favorite sandwich, Weaver comes over to greet me and announces, "Ya know, I have never tried one of those in the nine years that I have worked here." Weaver explains that this is particularly strange since the Big Mac sandwich was actually created by her boss, Jim Delligati of Pittsburgh. Delligati is also known to Weaver as 'the Godfather of the Big Mac'.

Weaver jumps back to work by flying between the grills and food tables while watching the preparation of each product as the monitor lists the orders. She remains perfectly pressed, like an office worker. The restaurant counter and preparation area are tidy from Weaver and her coworkers' perpetual cleaning.

All of Weaver's work crew describe her as a great boss and easy to work for—as long as you are willing to work hard. Weaver expects high performance ratings and standards, sometimes above the already high standards of McDonalds. She expects high standards, hard work, and a smile, from herself and her crew. Far from authoritarian, Weaver won't sit back and call out orders. She works alongside her crew.

Weaver takes a short break after the lunch rush to show me the crew's break room. The room is off to the immediate left in a well-kept, well-lit basement of the restaurant. It is more like a well-decorated living room; complete with television with cable and DVD hook up and a compu-

ter with Internet access for training and surfing while on breaks. Weaver gets a warm smile as she talks with pride about her work team. She is their boss, but knows them all well.

Weaver is a gifted manager with eight years of experience in a multi-million dollar restaurant. Nevertheless, she admits that managing her family or "home crew" of four small children seems to escape her. All of the home crew is under the age of six years old. She talks about the demands of the restaurant—much easier for her than facing the seemingly endless demands of home life.

Weaver is very passionate about her relationships with her children. She paints vivid pictures of each child as she tells their stories in vast detail. She shows that same pride and respect for her home crew as she does for her work crew. Weaver attributes her positive attitude toward life to her strong faith in the innate good in everyone. She says, "I think that everyone has a good side." Weaver feels that even though this attitude has "gotten her burned a few times," she continues to see the good in all around her.

Weaver describes herself as "creatively challenged" in school from time to time. She refers to having difficulty when it comes to making up new ideas for writing projects on her own. She plans to work through it in the same way that she tackles problems at home and work, by jumping in and getting it done. She has a great motivational chord strumming through her vivacious personality.

Weaver tackles the demands in her life by rolling up her pressed sleeves, getting both hands in, and getting it done. She appears to handle stress at work, home, and school in the same way, with a big smile on her face saying, "How can I help you?"

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CampusFest 2005 Acts Announced

After Ryan Whitney, chair of CampusFest, resigned and concerns that a rock night would not be held this year, all the acts have been announced for this year's CampusFest 2005 at the Clarion Campus.

Due to a decision during the Fall Semester, CampusFest will include three musical concerts: a rock night, a country night, and an urban night. A comedian has also been booked for the event.

Stroke 9, The Clarks, Jimmy Wayne, and Pete Schmidt will be performing on Thursday, April 21, in the Tippin Gymnasium for CampusFest's rock night. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for Clarion University students, \$25 for the public, and \$25 on the day of the show.

For country night, Dierks Bentley and Billy Currington will perform on Friday, April 22, in the Tippin Gymnasium at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15 for Clarion University students, \$25 for the public, and \$25 on the day of the show.

The last musical performance will be by Step Show and Trick Daddy on Saturday, April 23, in the Tippin Gymnasium. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the performance by Step Show begins at 6 p.m. followed by Trick Daddy at 9 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$15 for Clarion University students, \$25 for the public, and \$25 on the day of the show.

Comedian Tracy Morgan will bring some laughs to the university on Thursday, April 28, in the Marwick-Boyd Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at a price of \$15 for Clarion University students and \$25 for the public and on the day of the show.

Tickets for all CampusFest events will be available at the Gemmell Information Desk at the Clarion Campus or at www.clarionstore.com.

More information about the bands/acts performing at CampusFest 2005 will follow in the next few weeks.

CampusFest Rock Night Headliner: Stroke 9

The members of Stroke 9 got their start as part of a real-life School of Rock-like class at Marin Academy, just north of San Francisco, Ca. In 1990, four members of this rock class emerged into Stroke 9 as their final project. The original members of Stroke 9 included Luke Esterkyn on guitar and vocals, Greg Gueldner on drums, Tom Haddad on bass, and Kirsten Stromberg on keyboards and vocals.

After years of changing members and off-and-on shows, Luke Esterkyn (vocals) and John McDermott (guitar) finalized the band as a three-piece rock band with the entrance of Eric Stock on drums. The band played more shows with more fans and even received radio airplay and national coverage. In January 1998, they signed with Cherry Entertainment Group, a division of Universal Records.

Stroke 9 received national recognition for their song, "Little Black Backpack" and their album *Nasty Little Thoughts* went gold in 2000.

Stroke 9 is touring the United States with BOJ to promote their new album, *All In*, and will be performing at Clarion University's CampusFest on April 21 at 8 p.m. in the Tippin Gymnasium.

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Dear Lucy:

I have been dating someone for several months and it's just not working out. I'm afraid of how he will react when I tell him I don't want to continue the relationship. How can I tell him we are through?

Scared

Dear Scared:

It's never easy to end a relationship, but remember, you have the right to end a relationship any time you want. If your partner has never been violent or threatened violence the following steps should help:

1. Be clear about your reasons for breaking up and be sure that ending the relationship is what you want to do. *Do not break up as a way of manipulating them or getting them to do something you want them to do.*
2. Choose a time when you both have time to talk about your reasons for breaking up and for both of you to let out your feelings. *Don't be surprised if your partner doesn't want to talk about it and leaves abruptly.*
3. Choose a quiet, private place to end the relationship. *Don't end it by phone, through a friend, or a letter (e-mail).*
4. Be clear, honest, and "firm but gentle" when telling your partner you want to end the relationship. *Don't be wishy-washy or you may end up still in the relationship. Don't be cruel either.*
5. "Let's be friends" is good in theory, but the reality is often difficult. *If you can't be friends, at least respect each other by being polite when you meet and by not badmouthing your ex.*

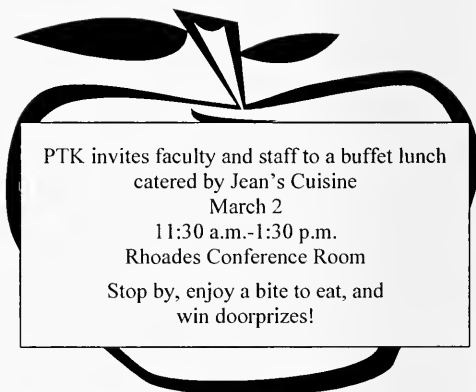
Expect a rollercoaster of feelings for a while but remember you ended the relationship for a

reason. *If the relationship has been violent or threats were made of what would happen if you break up, contact a counselor for help with safety planning.*

Lucy

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PTK invites faculty and staff to a buffet lunch
catered by Jean's Cuisine
March 2
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Rhoades Conference Room
Stop by, enjoy a bite to eat, and
win doorprizes!

Attention All New PTK Invites

All two-year students are encouraged to attend a meeting of Phi Theta Kappa at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23, in 228 Montgomery Hall. This meeting will serve as an introduction to Phi Theta Kappa. New officers will be elected for the 2005-2006 school year. Your presence at this meeting is very important! Nominations will be presented to the floor and voting by ballot will take place thereafter. Those interested in being nominated for an office in Phi Theta Kappa should come prepared to describe what they feel they could contribute as an officer of the organization. If you have not received a letter inviting you to join PTK and you feel that you meet the qualifications, contact Beth Jackson, ext. 1336.

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Student Affairs Open House Winners

Darlene Hartman and organizers of the Student Affairs Open House would like to thank everyone who stopped by each of the areas and participated in the spring open house. The event was a lot of fun and there were many prize winners.

Congratulations to Nicole Greenlee who won the grand prize of a wheeled backpack for visiting all five of the Student Affairs offices.

Other prizes included Valentine's vases, mini radios with flashlights, scarves, pencils, and Clarion University goodies.

Congratulations to all 30 winners who are listed below. If you have not yet claimed your door prize, stop by the Learning Support Center in 318 Montgomery Hall to pick up your prize.

The winners are: Dan Bartholomew, Shawn Bennett, Kim Tenney, Chuck Moore, Frank Rogers, Angela Troup, Candy Donahue, Carrie Heller, Gary Shaw, Pat Stewart, Deb Wilson, Sally Bowser, Jeff Whitting, Danielle O'Brien, Eric O'Neil, Justine Perry, Becca Kingsley, Clarissa Amato, Dale Colford, Christine Clark, Jessica Sottiaux, Peggy Lee, Larry Shaffer, Stephanie Helman, Sheena Hoover, Laura Holben, Ashley Covert, Deb Weaver, Kristen Clark and Tim Favreau.

There was not a winning professor this time as that money was spent for more prizes for students!

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Beth Jackson is keeping track of numbers so there will be plenty for everyone, so hop over to the bookstore and get your children signed up. Make sure the little darlings bring a bag or basket to haul their goodies around in. Contact Beth Jackson at 676-6591, ext. 1336, with any questions.

Report Shows Clarion Grads Obtaining Employment

The Clarion University Career Services office recently produced an annual survey asking graduates to indicate the direction they took after graduation from the 2002-2003 academic year. Approximately 405 of the 1,121 graduates completed the assessment, which consisted of four categories: full-time employment, part-time employment, continuing education, and seeking employment. Almost 75 percent found full-time work, nine percent part-time, 13 percent continued their education, and three percent were still looking for work.

Venango Campus was also mentioned in the survey as about 35 percent of the 84 graduates answered the survey. Three-fourths of the graduates found part-time or full-time work, while continuing education was around 13 percent.

The survey also stated that most graduates remained in Pennsylvania, but some relocated to neighboring states such as Virginia, Maryland, and Ohio. Career Services generates this annual report in order to provide a useful employment guide for future graduates of Clarion University. In addition, the guide allows faculty and administration to become familiar with what is happening in the job market, and to prepare students for the changes necessary in obtaining employment.

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Voices

Unattractive Girl

By: Peggy Ellen Lee

Heaven loves the unattractive girl,
For she finds a truer world--
One full of judgments and grit,
Opinions that are found unfurled.

A reality she finds truer
To the mind and of the whole;
One not built on public opinion
Of her looks, but of her soul.

She makes her way
Through a different plane.
The world can't see the beauty
Coming from her brain.

Public opinions,
Like the changing of a sock;
Whatever is popular?
The pretty girl to mock.

She does not worry
About why one is with her.
She knows that true love
Must be the myrrh.

Nursing Recruitment Fair

Come to the Nursing Recruitment Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 3. The event will be held in Rhoades Gymnasium and the following agencies will be in attendance: Clarion Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission, Hamot Medical Center, Mount Nittany Medical Center, Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Presbyterian Home, Sharon Regional Health System, St. Vincent's Health Center, Titusville Area Hospital, UPMC, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, Warren General Hospital, and West Penn Allegheny Health System.

The event is open to all students. If you want help preparing your resume, call ext. 1277 to set up an appointment with Tonya Thompson. The Career Center also has resources specifically about job fairs. Stop by 221 Frame Hall for more information.

Why Does it Even Matter?

By: Brett O'Neil

Since the hockey season is canceled officially and I have nothing better to talk about, I thought about a subject that may have some value. On the Internet the other day, while looking at Yahoo! News, I stumbled across an article from the *Chicago Sun-Times* stating that George W. Bush secretly revealed in tapes that he used marijuana. Marijuana--OH NO! The root of all evils, especially in America! Please...don't we have better things to worry about? Even though drug education is important in promoting intelligent decision-making, the discussion about drugs such as marijuana is shallow and incredibly taboo. That's the problem. When you try to stray from bringing forward the reality of the situation to kids, you risk creating a larger mess.

Anyhow, we must remember "the past is the past," and we should be concentrating on what's important in our lives, not what the president or Hollywood celebrities have done in theirs. Maybe we should be finding better ways to educate ourselves, because we're heading toward a disaster in this country where real change has to be addressed. It isn't just about what's occurring in our government, it's also about what is occurring in society.

Cars: What *Are* they Good for?

By: Sheena Hoover

I know they are the most-used form of transportation and our nation relies on them to get around from work and back, but, after all the money put into them for repairs, are they really good for anything? Your car can break down and you can spend hundreds of dollars just trying to figure out what's wrong with it, let alone paying for parts. Parts aren't cheap. If you sold all the parts to your car separately, you would think you could make double the amount you paid for your car in the first place, right? If only it worked that way! Once repairs, tune-ups, and oil changes are out of the way, think of the money you spend on gas to get everywhere you need to go. It really makes me wonder why we keep depending on these machines for our everyday needs when they are always disappointing....



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CampusFest Rock Night Headliner: The Clarks

Due to uncertain financial circumstances, Stroke 9 will not be performing at CampusFest this year. Instead The Clarks will be the headliner with opening acts Jimmy Wayne and Pete Schmidt.

Since their formation in the early '80s as students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, The Clarks, from Pittsburgh, Pa., have become one of the most well-known bands. Although their success has been mostly within western Pennsylvania, they have been playing nationally and working on expanding their fan base across the United States.

The Clarks, comprised of Scott Blasey (lead vocals, electric and acoustic guitar), Robert James (electric and acoustic guitar, vocals), Greg Joseph (bass guitar, vocals) and Dave Minarik (drums, vocals), are on tour now playing about 150 shows a year while constantly selling out 13,000-person venues. They have performed with John Mayer, Steely Dan, Train, the Buzz Poets, O.A.R., and Gavin DeGraw.

After switching labels several times and releasing 10 previous albums, The Clarks' most recent album, *Fast Moving Cars*, is the third album on their indie label, Razor & Tie. The album consists of songs with the various normal sounds of the band, including punk-rock, psychedelic pop, country twang, and, of course, rock n' roll.

The Clarks are performing for the second time at this year's CampusFest 2005 as part of rock night on Thursday, April 21, at 8 p.m. in Tippin Gymnasium. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the Gemmell Information Desk at Clarion Campus or online at www.clarionstore.com. Tickets for students are \$15, while tickets for the public and on the day of the show are \$25. For more information on The Clarks, visit www.clarksonline.com.

Student Senate Issues a Challenge

By: Peggy E. Lee

The March of Dimes is holding a Walk-A-Thon at Venango Campus on May 1. For more information on the non-profit event, see Hope Lineman or Deb Sobina. Registration forms can be picked up in Frame office, the bookstore, and from Hope Lineman or Deb Sobina.

The club or organization raising the most money for the Walk-A-Thon will receive a gift certificate, for the group's walkers, from Leonardo's Restaurant in Franklin.

The winning club or organization will be recognized at the Walk-A-Thon. Come out and raise money for a great cause!

What's The BUZZ?

By: Peggy E. Lee

The BUZZ has been popping up in the stalls of the restrooms here at Venango Campus. The new publication is a brought to you by Student Senate.

The BUZZ is a response to the need for a centralized advertisement of club meetings and events held on campus. Many students seem to be interested in events and clubs but are unaware of them.

The BUZZ accepts submissions of club meetings and events at senatebuzz@yahoo.com. The staff at the BUZZ asks you to send your comments or suggestions concerning the BUZZ to the same address. The BUZZ is here to stay and coming to a stall near you.

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PTK Faculty/Staff Luncheon a Success

Phi Theta Kappa's annual faculty/staff appreciation luncheon took place on Wednesday, March 2. At least 30 faculty and staff enjoyed a buffet lunch and the following people won gifts from the following clubs:

Student Senate Car Washes: Beth Jackson, David Lott, Lou Adelson, Patty Shontz, Jerri Gent, Tonya Thompson, Deb Sobina, Hope Lineman, Renee Smith-Schaffer, Linda Hahn, and Emily Aubele.

Ski Club: Brenda Sturtz won a RadioShack gift certificate.

PTK: Bill English and Linda Hahn won Sheetz coupons.

ALO: Tonya Thompson and Nancy Clemente won Waldenbooks gift certificates.

CAB: Deb Sobina and Patti Shontz won massages.

Psychology Club: Penny Shaughnessy won a Bath N' Body gift certificate.

Business Club: Ann Shiley and Theresa Nestor won Hoss's gift certificates.

Outdoor Club: Latrobe Barnitz won a Staples gift certificate.

Rick Steinmann also won stained glass.
Congratulations to all the winners!

Suhr Library Hours over Spring Vacation

Thursday, March 24: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, March 25: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Monday, March 28: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, March 20.

CampusFest Rock Night Performer: Jimmy Wayne

Jimmy Wayne is a country singer who was born in North Carolina and resides in Nashville, Tenn. He grew up in an abusive home and moved from foster home to foster home. After graduating from college with a degree in criminal justice, he decided to pursue his singing career. He moved to Nashville, started playing shows, and was signed by DreamWorks Nashville. His self-titled debut album was released during the summer of 2003, and his first single, "Stay Gone," appeared on the Hot 100 Country Charts. Since then, he has toured with Tracy Lawrence and played at the Grand Ole Opry, opening for Charlie Daniels.

Jimmy Wayne will perform during the country night of CampusFest 2005 on Thursday, April 21. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. The concert takes place in the Tippin Gymnasium at the Clarion Campus and includes rock acts Pete Schmidt and The Clarks. For tickets, go to www.clarionstore.com or pick them up at the Gemmell Information Desk at Clarion Campus.

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Dear Lucy:

I just know I have met "Mr. Right." We have been seeing each other for three weeks and he has already told me he loves me. He is so sweet and calls me four or five times a day. We seem to have so much in common. He wants us to move in together so he can spend all of his time with me. He takes my breath away. How can I tell if he is the one?

Breathless

Dear *Breathless*:

When something seems too good to be true, it probably is. I am hearing several things that cause concern. Three weeks is not a very long time in comparison with a lifetime. Seeming to have a lot in common can be an illusion. Only time will tell if he really does enjoy gardening, walking in the rain, and cats. It's also healthy to have an activity that only you enjoy for your own personal growth.

Define love. Perhaps your definition is different from his view. Is it "I love you" because you are a strong person who is responsible, makes good decisions, and will take care of me (i.e., so I don't have to be responsible, make good decisions, and take care of you). Or "I love you" and no one else can have you?

It's very flattering to have someone devote time and attention to you, but beware—it may also suffocate you someday. You must maintain your relationships with family and friends so that your only contact isn't just him.

Time and your own instincts are your best gauge. If you are still not sure, talk to a counselor from The Crisis Center for more information.

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Co-ed Straight Eight-ball Tournament

Where: Rhoades Center

When: Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m.

Sign up by Wednesday, April 6, at 9 p.m. at the Rhoades Desk

The double-elimination, co-ed tournament is open to all **Venango Campus** students. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants.

Prizes:

1st place overall: \$50 Wal-Mart gift card

2nd place overall: \$30 Wal-Mart gift card

More in "Store" for Sprawling Cranberry Township

By: Brett O'Neil

With the recent opening of Home Depot in Cranberry Township, Pittsburgh's JRA Development and several other developers have even larger plans for the expanding township of roughly 7,000 inhabitants.

According to the *Franklin News-Herald*, JRA is in the preliminary stages of developing a strip mall, anchored by "two new big box companies." "Big box" includes retailers such as Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Kmart and others. This would be the third strip mall constructed since JRA purchased property along the heavily-traveled stretch of U.S. Route 322 in 1998.

Several other projects fill the agenda, including future plans to build a chain motel hotel, which would be the first of its kind in Cranberry Township. Construction of a residential community, possibly apartments, townhouses, or single-family units, also is in the mix. Early to late spring is the slated time period for many of these projects to begin their development.

Voices

From the Editor's Desk

By: Sheena M. Hoover

It's hard when one part of your life is over forever. Yet, when a relationship ends on a bad note, that seems to be what has happened. I think it's wrong for someone to end a long-term relationship and begin another one the very same day, depending on the circumstances. However, that seems to be something we've all been faced with in our lives. Questions of whether the other person ever cared, or loved us, or if they still do, tend to ring through our minds until we have to force ourselves to stop thinking about it—to stop seeking answers to the unknown. So how should a reasonable person deal with this widely known downside of love?

The two main things I have heard during my entire life after a break up would be to give it time and to move on with someone else. Although, giving it time is hard in the meantime. Of course, you know all too well, one day you will wake up and be completely over the person. But, this is much easier to do if you have something to keep your mind off of it. That is why most people say you should find someone else. Then again, they also tell you to do this because it's what your ex did to you, and it seems a good comeback.

What I think is important in an instance like this is to do what feels right for you. If you think jumping into a relationship with someone else fits in your circumstances, do it. You will probably get over your ex much faster, and at the same time you may find someone you really like for who they are. Of course, you might seem a little hasty in doing this.

I also think the whole idea of time is right. However, it's what you do with that time. If you just keep thinking about your ex and don't get out and do something, it's going to take forever to get over them.

The best way to use your time is to get a job, hang out with friends, start working out at the gym, jogging—anything, as long as you are keeping busy.

Is it your fault that your relationship fell apart? Are you the only one who has ever been in this situation? The answer is definitely “no.” Relationships don't always work—that's a fact of life. I think the best way to look at a break-up after a serious relationship is that you obviously didn't fit with that person, and it gives you the opportunity to find someone who would fit with you much better. After all, the worst thing you can do is try to stay in a relationship where you or the other person is not happy. The best thing you can do is to move on with your life and you will find someone else. When you do, you'll know everything happens for a reason.

Relay for Life at Clarion

Join the Relay for Life, April 15 and 16, at the Clarion University Recreation Center. For more information on this American Cancer Society event, call 814-226-7267 or e-mail ccalliha@cancer.org.

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Enjoy a Dinner Dance Aboard the Victorian Princess on Lake Erie

Join CAB for an experience of a lifetime! The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring a Spring Dinner Dance aboard the majestic Victorian Princess on Friday, May 6. A bus leaves the campus at approximately 5 p.m. and returns to Venango Campus around midnight. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person for students and their guests, and \$15 per person for faculty, staff, and their guests. Tickets include the roundtrip bus ride and the dinner/dance on the Victorian Princess as you cruise Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie.

Tickets are available in 232 Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Angel at ext. 1279.

CAB Sponsors Niagara Falls End-of-Semester Trip

The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring an end-of-semester trip for students. The trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, is May 13 to 15. The package includes transportation by bus, to and from Canada, hotel accommodations, the Maid of the Mist, Journey Behind the Falls, White Water Walk, Butterfly Conservatory, Whirlpool Aero Car, and People Mover transportation for two days. The bus leaves the campus at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, May 13 and returns around 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15.

Sign-up deadline for students and guests (one immediate family member) was March 31. There are 47 seats remaining, and sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis. Deposit is \$50 per person.

Based on four people per room, the cost for students is \$80, guests/immediate family members is \$100, and faculty/staff and guests is \$120. Based on three people per room, the cost for students is \$90, guests is \$110, and faculty/staff and guests is \$130. For two people per room, the cost for students is \$100, guests is \$120, and faculty/staff and guests is \$140. All final payments are due by Friday, April 29.

Comedian Tracy Morgan to Perform

As a Saturday Night Live cast member and stand-up comedian, Tracy Morgan is quite the funny guy. He will visit Clarion University on Thursday, April 28, as part of CampusFest 2005. Morgan's performance begins at 8 p.m. in the Marwick-Boyd Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets for students are \$10, while tickets for the public and on the day of the show are \$20. Tickets are available at the Gemmell Information Desk at Clarion or www.clarionstore.com.

Tracy Morgan was born and raised in New York City and has been part of the SNL cast since 1996. He is a stand-up comedian and sketch-comedy player who has worked the national stand-up comedy circuit while appearing on several TV shows over the years.

Morgan appeared as the main character for the music video "Notorious" featuring Puff Daddy and Li'l Kim in 2000. He also starred in the movies "Half Baked," "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate," "How High," and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back." Morgan also has had a long list of TV appearances. For more information, visit www.tracymorgan.net.

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I've been in a serious relationship with someone for two years. He broke up with me recently because we fought a lot. He stressed it was important to him that we remain friends after all this time and said we needed to talk about it more in person. But since then, he's been avoiding my phone calls, which isn't like him at all. I'm sad about what has happened because I really care about him, but he's not acting like he cares about me. I'm confused. What should I do?

Confused

Dear *Confused*:

First, let me say I am sorry for the loss of your relationship. It's never easy under any circumstances. I don't know any more about why he ended the relationship than you do, but I suspect several things are going on with him.

It's never easy to tell someone why you don't like them, especially after two years. It does not appear that he wanted things to end on a sour note. "Let's be friends" is his way of saying that the relationship is not going to go to the next level. He may not be totally clear on what his reasons are for ending things and may be avoiding you because he has no answers to give you. He may not be ready to commit to a) a serious relationship; b) a relationship with you in particular; or c) not able to commit to relationships.

In any event, don't blame yourself or second-guess yourself at what you should have, could have, or would do differently. YOU are a wonderful person and deserve to have a happy, healthy relationship. Pursue the things you enjoy doing and you just might meet someone who enjoys the same things.

Lucy

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Peace-building in the Middle East Lecture

"Peace-building in the Middle East" is a look at some of the long-term ways in which Palestinians and Israelis have been working together toward a peaceful coexistence. This is the featured topic in a lecture by Deborah and Ted First on Thursday, April 21, in Rhoades Auditorium. The lecture, followed by a dessert reception, is free and open to the public.

Deborah and Ted First are long-time supporters of Israeli and Palestinian peace education initiatives and projects through their work with Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (www.oasisofpeace.org), Habitat for Humanity (www.habitat.org), and the Hope Flowers School (www.hope-flowers.org).

Both have served on the board of directors and Deborah is board president of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to dialogue, cooperation, and a genuine and durable peace between Arabs and Jews, Palestinians, and Israelis by encouraging, supporting, and publicizing the projects of the organization, also known as the "Oasis of Peace." For more than 25 years, Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel have lived and worked together as equals in this community.

For more than 20 years, the Firsts have donated their time and hard work on behalf of Habitat for Humanity and currently serve on the board of the Chautauqua County, N.Y., chapter. Since 1976, Habitat has built more than 175,000 houses, providing shelter for nearly a million people worldwide. Now at work in 100 countries, Habitat volunteers are building a house every 26 minutes.

The Hope Flowers School is a unique example of progressive education in the Palestinian Territories. The school was created to meet a need for a safe and supportive environment where children can grow and develop into citizens of a peaceful and democratic Palestine.

We are honored to host the Firsts and help them spread the word about their humanitarian efforts. Please join in for an inspirational lecture!

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20 Questions with Librarian Nancy Clemente

What do you do in your free time?

Watch movies and research genealogy.

What would you be doing if you weren't working in the position you're in now?

Volunteering or being a missionary.

What do you think is the best flavor in the whole wide world, whether it exists or not?

Chocolate.

What is a definition you would like in Webster's?

Fantabulous = the best.

What are two things you would like to see added to a dollar menu?

A one-pound Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate Candy Bar and a book.

What is your favorite complete meal?

Mom's roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes and gravy, and peas.

What is your earliest memory in childhood?

Rollerskating in the basement with siblings at 5 or 6 years old.

What is your favorite number?

3.

What goes best with chocolate?

Ice cream, peanuts, and coconut.

Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, it better be diet, as long as it's caffeine free, or whatever is on sale?

Diet.

Animal, vegetable, or mineral?

Animal.

What is the best kind of cheese?

Asiago.

Best toothpaste?

Mentadent.

Good = My daughter, ethnic food, international travel, cruises, Survivor, Amazing Race, family get-togethers, going to movies, eating out, New York, Chicago, open theaters, computer games, my nieces and nephews, and Venango Campus.

What is the best kind of music and why?

Movie/theatrical soundtracks because they make you think about the movie.

What are computers to you?

Bookkeeper.

What is on your priority list, but is not on the top?

Be good to others.

What is your sign?

Virgo.

Who is your favorite person?

God.

Anything you'd like to say to our readers?

Venango Campus is a great place to work and a great place to be.

March Of Dimes Raffle Tickets On Sale

The Pennsylvania March of Dimes fourth annual WalkAmerica raffle drawing is June 30. Tickets are on sale in the Rhoades Student Center Bookstore. They are \$5 each, and must be purchased by May 30. The grand prize is a new 2005 Honda Accord LX Sedan, courtesy of Apple Automotive Group. If you participate in the drawing, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 K-mart Gift Certificate. The March of Dimes' mission is to bring strong and healthy infants into this world. Reducing infant birth defects, and deaths resulting from these defects, is the primary goal of this non-profit organization. For more information on this fundraiser, you can inquire at the Rhoades Student Center Bookstore. You may also sign up to walk in the WalkAmerica on Sunday, May 1, at 1 p.m.; visit the March of Dimes local chapter in Oil City at 248 Seneca Street (third floor); or call 814-677-5885.

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Meet the CampusFest 2005 Artists

The Clarks on April 21

The Clarks headline this year's CampusFest 2005, as part of Rock Night on Thursday, April 21, at 8 p.m. in the Tippin Gymnasium. Doors open at 7 p.m. Founded in the early 80s, The Clarks, whose members are from Pittsburgh, have been playing shows nationwide.

The Clarks have toured with John Mayer, Steely Dan, Train, the Buzz Poets, O.A.R., and Gavin DeGraw.

The Clarks' most recent album, *Fast Moving Cars*, is the third album released on their indie label, *Razor & Tie*. The album consists of punk-rock, psychedelic pop, country twang, and rock and roll songs.

Jimmy Wayne on April 21

Jimmy Wayne opens for The Clarks on rock night, Thursday, April 21. Wayne, a country singer, lives in Nashville. His self-titled debut album was released during the summer of 2003, and his first single, "Stay Gone," appeared on the Hot 100 Country Charts. Since then, he has toured with Tracy Lawrence and played at the Grand Ol' Opry opening for Charlie Daniels. For more information, visit www.jimmywayne.com.

Pete Schmidt on April 21

Singer and songwriter Pete Schmidt opens for The Clarks on rock night, Thursday, April 21. An acoustic rock singer with heartfelt lyrics, Georgia-native Pete Schmidt is acquiring quite a fanbase. With his most recent full-length debut album, *No Safe Bet*, Schmidt has garnered nationwide attention for his harmonious guitar-playing and sincere lyrics.

Schmidt has toured with Jason Mraz, Everclear, David Gray, and Glen Phillips. For more information, go to www.peteschmidtmusic.com.

Billy Currington on April 22

Georgia-native Billy Currington performs on Country Night on Friday, April 22. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Currington's rich country-tinged baritone eventually got him signed to Mercury Records and he recently released his self-titled debut album with the hit single, "Walk a Little Straighter." He released a single with Shania Twain called "Party for Two." Currington is touring the United States and playing several shows with Shania Twain. His country-music influences include Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, The Statler Brothers, and Kenny Rogers. For more information, visit www.billycurrington.com.

Dierks Bentley on April 22

Country-singer Dierks Bentley opens for Billy Currington on country night, Friday, April 22. Originally from Phoenix, Az., Bentley moved to Nashville when he was 19 to get a record deal and make something of his country-music dream. After playing shows and working in Nashville for a while, he found a record contract with Capitol Records Nashville. Bentley's self-titled debut album recently went platinum, and his new single, "Lot of Leavin' Left to Do" is climbing the charts. His music is influenced by George Strait and Hank. Bentley is taking on the United States with a country music tour. For more information on Dierks Bentley, visit www.dierks.com.

Step Off 2005 and Young Buck on April 23

Step Off 2005 takes place at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.) on Urban Night, Saturday, April 23. Young Buck performs at 9 p.m. 24-year-old David "Young Buck" Brown is a Nashville native who was signed by 50 Cent. His singles "Let Me In" and "Wanna Get to Know Ya" are from his solo debut album *Straight Outta Cashville* on Interscope Records. Rapper Young Buck is part of 50 Cents' G-Unit and is going out on his own in the record business. For more information on Young Buck, visit www.young-buck.com.

All shows are in Tippin Gymnasium, Clarion Campus. Tickets can be purchased at the Gemmell Information Desk, Clarion Campus or online at www.clarionstore.com. Tickets for students are \$15, while tickets for the public and on the day of the show are \$25.

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Clarion University Nursing Program Receives Grant

For the second year in a row, the School of Nursing and Allied Health located at Venango Campus, has received a Nursing Education Grant from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. The grant will benefit students pursuing Associate of Science and Master of Science in Nursing degrees. A total of 85 students will benefit from the grant.

“My colleagues and I are delighted that these programs have been selected to receive the PHEAA grant,” said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean at the campus. “The nursing shortage across the country, and particularly in Pennsylvania, has become critical and the demand for nursing educators has increased dramatically. We’re very pleased that our students continue to benefit from this program.”

Kinetic Chain Assessment Workshop

A one-day workshop is being offered at Venango Campus for those involved in healthcare—nurses, physicians, emergency medical technicians, massage therapists, athletes, and athletic trainers.

Kinetic Chain Assessment & Performance Enhancement will be presented April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon in 101 Montgomery Hall. The hands-on workshop will address issues surrounding injuries caused by repetitive motion and how to correct and prevent the dysfunctions.

Jim Thornton, MA, ATC, NASM-PES, is the director of sports medicine/head trainer at Clarion University. He is also a certified performance enhancement specialist and serves as an adjunct faculty instructor at California & Duquesne universities, where he teaches injury prevention and performance enhancement.

Class size is limited. There is a \$10 fee for the workshop. Call 676-6691, ext. 1273 to register.

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Tickets are available in 232 Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Angel at ext. 1279.

Phi Theta Kappa Easter Egg Hunt Success

Venango Campus recently held its Fourth Annual Phi Theta Kappa Easter Egg Hunt. The event went well with approximately 60 kids in attendance! There was plenty of food donated during this event, and Mike Seabright delivered it to the Salvation Army after collection. Children enjoyed many activities including a “Bounce House!” Thanks to everyone who participated in making this event possible!

Upcoming Phi Theta Kappa Events include Highway Cleanup on April 23; The March of Dimes Walk on Sunday, May 1; and Graduation Tea on May 7. (Decorating for Graduation Tea will be on May 6.) If you are interested in joining us for any of these events, contact Beth Jackson at 676-6591, ext. 1336.

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Dear Lucy:

A Weekly Advice Column on Relationships



Dear Lucy:

Josh and I have been together for more than two years. He has never actually hit me and I know he never would, but I am feeling as though I am not allowed to have an opinion. It seems like I can't do anything right. Now that I am going back to school, he's constantly asking who I'm with and what I'm doing. I feel like I'm ...

Suffocating

Dear *Suffocating*:

Physical abuse is only one of the many ways power and control are exerted over someone. Emotional and verbal abuses come in the guise of blame, threats, and control over decision making. Constant interrogations and accusations all contribute to making you feel like you are crazy or stupid. In fact, you may be told that you are crazy or stupid.

Sometimes going back to college can trigger doubts and insecurities in a relationship. Maybe he feels threatened that you are planning to leave when you have your degree, or that you will have less in common if you have a degree and he doesn't. Talk to him. Reassure him. He may be feeling left out and not know where he fits into your life or, he may just need power and control over you. If that is the case, you may want to talk to a counselor.

Lucy

"Dear Lucy" is brought to you by The Crisis Center in Oil City, 814-677-4005. To submit an anonymous question about a relationship, drop it in one of the drop boxes located in the library, Rhoades Center, under the door of 226 Montgomery Hall, or e-mail it to thevenangovoice@yahoo.com.

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Saving In R.T.F.

By: Kathy Clark

Have you ever worked tirelessly on a document at home? When you finally finish it, you save it to a disk believing all you have to do is bring the disk into college and, after adding a couple of finishing touches, print it.

I think it's safe to say most of us have saved documents onto disks or jump drives to take to another computer at one time or another. But sometimes the documents won't open no matter how much we may coax, plead with it, scream at the computer (and printer). The computer will just not allow it!

One way to increase your chances of successfully bringing a document to college and printing it is to save the document in Rich Text Format. RTF is recognizable to most computers. When you save a document, a screen will come up with a place to type the title of your document (file name). Right below this spot is a drop down tab that allows you to select what format you want to save the document (save as type). It is here you can choose Rich Text Format.

Although I have not heard of any computers at Venango campus not opening RTF documents, there is still always the risk that they may not for one reason or another. There is no guarantee, but again, this is a way to increase your chances of successfully completing and printing a document. Good luck!

ALO Presents "How YOU Can Pay for College" Informational Session

The Adult Learner's Organization is presenting an informational session called "How YOU Can Pay for College" on Wednesday, April 6, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Rhoades Student Center.

The session will help students with their financial needs. Representatives will be on hand to speak with students about finances from the following businesses: PHEAA Representative Dan Johnson, Clarion University Financial Aid officer, National City Bank, Franklin Credit Union, Northwest Savings Bank, Galaxy Federal Credit Union, and the United States Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. Feel free to stop by and get some help with your finances!

Voices

Could You Please Step Over Here, so I Can Slap Some Sense Into You!

By: Brett O'Neil

Oh, how lovely it would be to give some people a "love tap" right across the face! I don't imagine I am prepared to descend to that murky abyss of evil now, but the thought's tempting!

I'm 20, so this is the age of the "superhuman mentality," when we know everything and believe everybody should stay out of the way! It's tough to think rationally when you are floating in orbit, beyond the gravitational tug of the Earth!

Fortunately, I've learned my lesson on too many occasions, and am still repeating the same mistakes. I'm still learning though—hopefully everybody else is learning something too, beyond the classroom confines!

What about the rest who haven't? I'm blessed that most of the people at Venango are a little wiser than the ones at Clarion. Maybe I'm wrong, but just being at Clarion for a day didn't make me intellectually gifted! The amusing thing is, many of the students over at main are repeating the same mistakes that many of the students here regret ever performing! That's first-rate comedy there, folks! The carousel keeps revolving and we're helpless to stop it!

It takes so much class and dignity to admit that, as a human being, you can't cure the world's problems. Maybe narrow-mindedness and madness have finally gotten to me, and we **can** actually solve them. Don't count on it! We just don't have the brain capacity to comprehend our true existence. That's the truth. Maybe after all the ranting, it does make me laugh...laugh hysterically! Planet Earth is a comical place. Thank God!

April National Sexual Violence Prevention

In all relationships, you have the right to set limits, feel safe, and get support. You also have a responsibility to trust your instincts and model respectful behaviors. Healthy relationships are non-threatening, supportive, and involve shared responsibility.

If you have been a victim of sexual violence, stalking, or domestic violence, help is available at The Crisis Center, 800-243-4944 or 677-7273.

CD Review: 3 Doors Down's *17 Days*

By: Sheena Hoover

As their third studio album since 2000, 3 Doors Down's *17 Days* hit the charts at number one on its February 8, 2005, release date. The Mississippi-based band, which got its start touring with Creed, couldn't be happier after selling more than 12 million albums between their debut and the release of *17 Days*.

Being from the south, 3 Doors Down has a southern flare type of rock, and it is extremely apparent with the album. After first listening to the CD, I said to my friend, "I think they're starting to go country." This can especially be heard in the song "Landing in London"—a song with guest Bob Segar and "Father's Son"—a song about morals and a 17-year-old having sex for money.

The first single of the CD is "Let Me Go," which is a song about ending a relationship with someone you love. It seems to say that it could go either way—"One more kiss could be the best thing/But one more lie could be the worst."

Another favorite from this album is "It's Not Me." Mirroring the same heartfelt lyrics of "Let Me Go," the song is drenched in heartbreak and loss of a love. Lyrics include "Look what you did/Is this how you wanted it to be?/And this life you gave away/Was meant for me..."

"Be Somebody" is another well-written song that's about being who you want to be. The theme is spelled out clearly with the lyrics "Cause I'm trying to be somebody/I'm not trying to be somebody else/This life is mine I'm living/Don't you know me?/I won't ever let you down."

The rest of the songs on the album feature the same emotional lyrics and southern rock that 3 Doors Down has made its trademark sound, varying from fast-paced to slow and relaxing. For more information on 3 Doors Down, visit www.3doorsdown.com and go out and pick up *17 Days*.

3 Doors Down is touring all over the United States with acts such as Breaking Benjamin, Alter Bridge (the band members of Creed except for Scott Stapp), and Silvertide, and on some dates with Shinedown, Velvet Revolver, and Crossfade.

Voices

Movie Review: *Finding Neverland*

By: Sheena Hoover

The Peter Pan-based movie, *Finding Neverland*, starring Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet, Julie Christie and Dustin Hoffman was recently released on DVD and VHS. While the movie is about all of the magic of Peter Pan with a PG rating, the movie contains much more substance and is much more unique than a Disney movie. With its base in values, and beliefs in conquering the impossible, the movie gives one hope and entertainment without sacrificing it's appeal for people of all ages—it's not just for kids.

The movie is really about how well-known playwright James M. Barrie (Johnny Depp) met the people who inspired him to write his classic play, and how he changed his own self-doubt in his abilities to write into self-fulfillment. After his recent play is a flop, Barrie meets a widow and her four wonderful children. Barrie becomes attached to the family and spends his spare time playing with the children and teaching them how to use their imaginations. In the midst of a failing marriage, Barrie finds happiness and a muse in order to inspire him to write one of the world's favorite masterpieces.

Finding Neverland is a fantastic mix of humor and drama rolled in with a love story—including none other than the gorgeous Johnny Depp. I will personally recommend this movie to anyone—regardless of age. I give this movie an A-

From the Editor's Desk: Terry Schiavo

By: Sheena Hoover

I know almost everyone must be sick of hearing about the Terry Schiavo case by now, but I wanted to discuss a few things about it. First, I really don't think it is any of the mass public's business or the government's business to know about such a personal matter that should only be determined by the immediate family. Second, I don't see why so many people act like letting Terry Schiavo die is comparable to murder. If she can't function at all, and she hasn't done so for a very long time, and her husband says she would have wanted to die, then what is the problem? Isn't it legally her husband's decision anyway?

Regardless of what everyone on campus believes about what should happen in this case, the majority of the United States believes Terry Schiavo should be permitted to die instead of being kept alive with a feeding tube for 15 years or longer without any real life besides laughing or moving her head once in a while. To me, I think it would be torturous to be in her situation, and I can only hope that my husband or my family would let me die if I was ever in her position. The poor woman!

It's Not Your Fault!

By: Peggy Lee

The time is now to live your life,
Just do your best and let the past rest.
When it starts to creep up on you from behind,
Just love yourself, be gentle and kind.
You did nothing wrong, you were just a child.
Count to ten and learn how to smile.
Each sunrise is a brand new day, welcome it
with open arms and listen to what it has to say!
Your loved ones love you for who you are now
They don't care why, they don't care how.
Love the child who was hurt so badly,
with no one to trust and lived so sadly.
You're a grown-up now, a woman, an adult, so
keep reminding yourself...
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!

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What is a definition that you would like to see in Webster's?

Pothole=Craters in the road in which you can lose your car.

Name two things you would like to see added to a dollar menu?

A haircut and a movie ticket.

What is your favorite complete meal?

Hot spicy chicken, sesame green beans, steamed rice, and cinnamon raisin swirl toast.

What is your earliest memory in childhood?

When I was three and traveling in the car with my parents.

What is your favorite number?

1948—my year of birth.

What goes best with chocolate: Peanut butter, caramel, coconut, nuts, more chocolate, or other?

All of the above plus marshmallow.

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Animal, vegetable, or mineral?

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What is the best kind of cheese?

Provolone and muenster.

Best toothpaste?

Aquafresh.

Good = **Work you like, living near Kennerdell, family, friends, good wine, chocolate, travel, Disney World, and enough money.**

What is the best kind of music and why?

Instrumental encompasses any music.

What are computers to you?

Impersonal friend.

What is on your priority list, but is not on the top?

Taking care of parents.

What is your sign?

Aquarius.

Who is your favorite person?

My Dad.

Anything else you'd like to say to our readers?

Come and use the library!

Join ALO for Dinner and a Story

The Adult Learner's Organization is sponsoring a free dinner and a story night at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 15, in Rhoades Student Center. Storyteller Brian Maguire will be on hand to spin a web of enchantment. Cost to attend is one book donation to the campus daycare and a dessert to share after the meal.

The meal will include wings, a baked potato bar, rolls, salad, and refreshments. Those interested may sign up in Rhoades Hall, Frame Hall, the Learning Support Center, and 222 Montgomery Hall.

Submitting to the *Voice*

Anyone wishing to submit to the *Voice* is encouraged to do so. Submissions ranging from opinion pieces to original artwork, poetry and prose may be submitted via email to thevenangovoice@yahoo.com in the form of a *Word* document attachment, or may be dropped off at the *Venango Voice* office located at 226 Montgomery Hall. Submissions will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Tuesdays for the following week's issue.

I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning/Digital Ash in a Digital Urn

By: Matt Folwell

Wow, it must suck to be Conor Oberst. You begin your career at age 14, in Omaha, Neb., get tagged “rock’s boy genius,” incite the nation’s hottest rock scene by founding the Saddle Creek label, become the Pied Piper of “Emo,” (emotional rock) release seven records by age 23, and, then, when you’re not singing on the Vote for Change tour with Bruce Springsteen (who introduces you as “someone whose record floored me”) or partying with beauties in New York and Hollywood, you release two albums simultaneously—and their respective singles take numbers one and two on the sales chart. No wonder he writes so many weepers. He’s got some nerve, the singer of Bright Eyes. Now he’s dropping two separate albums at once, like Springsteen and Guns N’ Roses before him. They at least waited until they were superstars to do it. Call this the Many Moods of Conor. *I’m Wide Awake, It’s Morning* is acoustic, *Digital Ash in a Digital Urn* is electrified, and, in the process, he’s facing down his one considerable burden: a rep as this generation’s Bob Dylan.

Oberst comes closest to earning honored status on *I’m Wide Awake*. Bright Eyes has always been a personality-driven outfit, meaning its obsessive fans are magnetized by the breathless impressions, witty asides, and trembling soul of its spooky, sensitive Donnie Darko of a front man. This is the guy that begins *I’m Wide Awake* in coffee-shop-folkie mode, telling a story that starts suspenseful - an airline jet struck with fatal engine trouble - then kicks into a quick-strummed, spiritual call to arms: “Into the car of every anarchist/That sleeps but doesn’t dream/ We must sing.”

Oberst evokes the post-9-11 mood in his recently-adopted home of NYC with amazing clarity. He bails on a Brooklyn party “while the world waits for an explosion,” and in another song, makes love “on the living room floor with the noise in the background from a televised war.” Piloting the sweet, pristinely-recorded country songs, he takes us along as he hits loft parties, marches in war protests, tinkers with electro gadgets, and gets wasted, heartbroken, and guilt-sick, sometimes catching glimpses of transcendence in neon signs and subways.

That is hardly the media-dubbed rhyme terrorist Dylan was at 24. Oberst’s most genuinely Dylan-esque trait is his facility for merging the personal and political in a way that feels both conversational and otherworldly. In the stately *Old Soul Song*, he poetically links protesters spilling over barricades to flowers growing on a hillside, describing both in the softly-sung refrain “They went wild”—the last word hanging in the air like a promising breeze. Despite all the lonely missives and political outrage, Oberst comes off more like a troubadour of hope.

The less convincing *Digital Ash* sets Oberst’s quavering voice against synth melodies, digital smudges, capes, and guest guitar by Nick Zinner of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. It’s “electric” in the epicurean new wave manner in which Oberst’s Saddle Creek label mates the Faint: breezy synth washes, percolating Yaz arpeggios and chirpy Cure keyboard melodies, all of which may have unconsciously caused Oberst to lift the melody for “I Believe in Symmetry” from Nena’s 1984 hit “99 Luftballons.”

Jimmy Tamborello of the Postal Service molds the best song, “Take It Easy (Love Nothing),” into a sugarcoated confessional of heartlessness, with lyrics that sketch a bad breakup, and then catalogue its aftermath in a list of callous behavior that includes songwriting. Mostly, these electro trances - built around ominous hum, jagged breathing, ringing alarm clock - sound like an ill-advised quest to make a Williamsburg version of *Dark Side of the Moon*. The electronics dislocate a voice that needs to be focused and intimate to succeed. When he shudders during the song’s dramatic peaks, Oberst sounds as if he’s singing atop a washing machine in spin cycle. But, for the most part, Oberst has learned how to use his shaky, vulnerable warble to deadly effect. On the hushed, gentle *Wide Awake* song *Lua*, Oberst appraises the misery underneath glam urban nightlife with a lilting, nursery-rhyme refrain that accrues a rueful beauty. It’s an elegant little gem, the kind of song you get to write only after 500 more-baroque efforts, and it’s hard to imagine anyone else doing it quite that right.

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PASSHE Website Valuable Resource for Students

By: Brett O'Neil

Ever wonder what's going on with higher education in the commonwealth? The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), composed of Clarion and 13 other state education institutions, has a Website supplying information on assorted college topics. The Website highlights the 14 state universities throughout Pennsylvania including tuition, university-enacted fees (such as technology fees and activity fees), room and board, and total enrollment costs at each school annually.

Because the Website connects to the Pennsylvania state government, there are numerous topics on career searches, school and state budget information, and an exclusive section for "Life After College." Visit www.passhe.edu for more information on the latest, including news from policymakers, students, faculty and the Chancellor Judy Hemple. PASSHE helps "nearly 106,000 students—90 percent of whom are Pennsylvanians"—to a quality education annually. Please give your regards to State Chancellor Judy Hemple, as she would like some feedback. Her e-mail address is feedback@passhe.edu.

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Tickets are available in 232 Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Angel at ext. 1279.

Start Your Summer Off Right: Join the Niagara Falls End-of-Semester Trip!

The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring an end-of-semester trip for Venango Campus students. The trip will take place May 13-15 to Niagara Falls, Canada. The package includes transportation by bus to and from Canada, hotel accommodations, the Maid of the Mist, Journey Behind the Falls, White Water Walk, Butterfly Conservatory, Whirlpool Aero Car, and People Mover transportation for two days. The bus will leave the campus on Friday, May 13, at 6:30 a.m., and will return to Venango Campus around 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15.

Space is available. There is a \$50 deposit per person, and students can sign up in the Student Services office or with Angel Muschweck, 232 Montgomery Hall.

Depending on the amount of people per room, costs range from \$80 to \$100 for students, \$100 to \$120 for guests, and \$120 to \$140 for faculty, staff, and their guests. All final payments are due by April 29.

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I met Chad on the Internet. We are both kind of shy around people but we have "talked" almost every day for three months. We have so much in common and it's like we are two halves of a whole. We have been talking about taking the relationship to the next level and are planning to meet in person. I am so afraid he won't like me. Any suggestions?

E-static

Dear E:

A few words about internet relationships: for everyone who gives me a success story, I can match it with a scary story. An Internet conversation does not allow you to see the body language that goes with the words. The words will then take on the meaning YOU give them and not necessarily what was intended. The Internet is a way to communicate with others but will never replace human touch.

As in any relationship, you need to go into it with your eyes wide open—not blindly. Plan to meet Chad in a public place or on neutral ground. Take a friend with you or have a back up plan if things aren't going well. Let others know when and where you are going to be, as well as the name of the person you are seeing. Take it slow and get to know each other. Treat the situation as though it was your first date and you are just getting acquainted. Knowing that you have interests in common will help ease the situation and aid in getting conversation started. From there, trust your instincts. If it seems too good to be true... it probably is!

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Upcoming Summer Concerts Coming Our Way

Concerts located in or around Pittsburgh, Pa

- 4/23: Green Day and My Chemical Romance at the Mellon Arena—SOLD OUT
- 4/26: Edwin McCain Band at the Club Cafe
- 5/14: Reba McEntire and Brad Paisley at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 5/18: Hoobastank and Velvet Revolver at the Chevrolet Amphitheater
- 5/25: Sarah McLachlan at the Mellon Arena
- 5/28: Rascal Flatts at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 6/04-06/05: Dave Matthews Band at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 6/15: Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers and The Black Crowes at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 6/26: Jimmy Buffett at PNC Park
- 7/10: Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 7/13: UFO at the Rex Theatre
- 7/23: Ozzfest 2005 at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 8/01: Vans Warped Tour at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 8/13: The Steve Miller Band at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 8/25: Alan Jackson at the Post-Gazette Pavilion
- 8/27: Dierks Bentley and Julie Roberts at Point State Park
- 8/30: Motley Crue at the Post-Gazette Pavilion

Concerts located in Cleveland, Ohio

- 4/22: Sting and Phantom Planet at the Wolstein Center at CSU
- 4/26: Lenny Kravitz at the Cleveland Music Hall
- 5/01: Trick Daddy at Moda
- 5/06: Green Day and My Chemical Romance at CSU
- 5/10: Reliant K, Simple Plan, and Good Charlotte at the Tower City Amphitheater
- 5/13: Billy Idol at the Scene Pavilion
- 5/17: Hoobastank and Velvet Revolver at Tower City
- 6/14: Deep Purple at the House of Blues
- 8/05: Kenny Chesney and Gretchen Wilson at the

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20 Questions with Speech Communication Professor Dr. Susan McBride

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What would you be doing if you weren't working in the position you're in now?

Management/development trainer.

What do you think is the best flavor in the whole wide world, whether it exists or not?

Teaberry.

What is a definition that you would like to see in Webster's?

Yummy=Reese's peanut butter egg.

Name two things you would like to see added to a dollar menu?

Fillet mignon and Cabernet Sauvignon.

What is your favorite complete meal?

Chicken Marsala, baked potato, salad, Italian Bread

What is your earliest memory in childhood?

At age 2, I went to the hospital and I had scissors in my eye, and I asked my mom if I could use the restroom while Zippity-Doo-Da played on the record player.

What is your favorite number?

1:18 (psalm).

What goes best with chocolate: Peanut butter, caramel, coconut, nuts, more chocolate, or other?

Peanut butter, hands down.

Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, it better be diet, as long as its caffeine free, or whatever is on sale?

Diet Squirt.

Animal, vegetable, or mineral?

Animal.

What is the best kind of cheese?

Sharp cheddar.

Best toothpaste?

Arm & Hammer.

Good=**earing and being kind to everyone, Mom/Dad, Austy (dog), playing with Austy, sleeping and museums with impressionable art.**

What is the best kind of music and why?

Worship, because it lifts your spirit and fills you with joy.

What are computers to you?

Good friend.

What is on your priority list. but is not on the top?

Genuine-ness.

What is your sign?

Gemini.

Who is your favorite person?

St. Francis of Assisi.

Anything else you'd like to say to our readers?

You guys are neat!

Join ALO for Dinner and a Story

The Adult Learner's Organization is sponsoring a free dinner and a story night at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 15, in Rhoades Student Center. Storyteller Brian Maguire will be on hand to spin a web of enchantment. Cost to attend is a book donation to the campus daycare, and a dessert to share after the meal.

The meal will include wings, a baked potato bar, rolls, salad, and refreshments. Those interested may sign up in Rhoades Hall, Frame Hall, the Learning Support Center, and 222 Montgomery Hall.

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Ozzfest 2005 Comes to Pittsburgh

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Headlining the day-long, hard-rock music festival on the main stage will be metal legends Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Mudvayne, Shadows Fall, and the Black Label Society.

Rob Zombie will be headlining the second stage featuring other lesser-known acts including Killswitch Engage, As I Lay Dying, Mastodon, Battle of Ozzfest winner A Dozen Furies, The Haunted, In Flames, Arch Enemy, The Black Dahlia Murder, Bury Your Dead, It Dies Today, Soilwork, and Trivium.

Starting out in Boston and ending in West Palm Beach, this heavy-metal mania will visit 26 cities between mid-July and early September. Since its start in 1996 as two-city tour, Ozzfest has become THE place for up-and-coming rock bands to get their start.

CampusFest 2005 To Begin Soon!

For this year's CampusFest, The Clarks, Jimmy Wayne, and Pete Schmidt will be performing at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, in the Tippin Gym.

For country night, Dierks Bentley and Billy Currington will perform on Friday, April 22, in the Tippin Gymnasium at 8 p.m.

The last musical performance will be by Step Show and Young Buck on Saturday, April 23, in the Tippin Gymnasium. The performance by Step Show will begin at 6 p.m. followed by Young Buck at 9 p.m.

Comedian Tracy Morgan will bring some laughs to the university on Thursday, April 28, in the Marwick-Boyd Auditorium. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the comedy will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets for each event are priced at \$15 for Clarion University students, \$25 for the public, and \$25 on the day of the show. Tickets are available at the Gemmill Information Desk at the Clarion campus or at www.clarionstore.com.

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

April 10-16

In the aftermath of a crime, victims may feel helpless and hopeless. The emotional, physical, financial, and spiritual impact of crime can be, at times, overwhelming.

Often those injured and assaulted and murdered are our mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, neighbors and friends.

One crime can have many victims.

Help is available.

For information about rights and services available to crime victims, contact:

The Crisis Center

1-800-243-4944 or 814-677-7273



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Peace-building in the Middle East Lecture Comes to Venango Campus April 21



“Peace-building in the Middle East” is a look at some of the long-term ways in which Palestinians and Israelis have been working together toward a peaceful coexistence. It will be the featured topic in a lecture to be held on Thursday, April 21, by Deborah and Ted First. The lecture is free and open to the public. It will be held in Rhoades Auditorium at 7 p.m. followed by a dessert reception.

Deborah and Ted First are long-time supporters of Israeli and Palestinian peace education initiatives and projects through their work with Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (www.oasisofpeace.org), Habitat for Humanity (www.habitat.org), and the Hope Flowers School (www.hope-flowers.org).

Both have served on the board of directors and Mrs. First is board president of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to dialogue, cooperation, and a genuine and durable peace between Arabs and Jews, Palestinians, and Israelis by encouraging, supporting, and publicizing the projects of the organization, also known as the “Oasis of Peace.” For more than 25 years, Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel have lived and worked together as equals in this community.

For more than 20 years, the First's have donated their time and hard work on behalf of Habitat for Humanity and serve on the board of the Chautauqua

County, N.Y., chapter. Since 1976, Habitat has built more than 175,000 houses, providing shelter for nearly a million people worldwide. Now at work in 100 countries, Habitat volunteers are building a house every 26 minutes.

The Hope Flowers School is a unique example of progressive education in the Palestinian territories. The school was created to meet a need for a safe and supportive environment where children grow and develop into future citizens of a peaceful and democratic Palestine.

We are honored to host The Firsts and to help them spread the word about their humanitarian efforts.

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My boyfriend recently admitted to having an affair. He says it didn't mean anything and that he'll never do it again. How can I ever trust him again?

Betrayed

Dear *Betrayed*:

Trust is a hard thing to regain once lost, but it can be rebuilt if, and only if, both people are willing to work on it. Some betrayals are too horrific to forgive and some relationships can't, and shouldn't, be mended. Only you can decide if you want to put in the work.

For those worthy of fixing, here are some steps that might help.

1. **Discuss the problem.** Whether it was infidelity or a secret blabbed, the first step to regaining trust is to talk about it.
2. **Give the person a second chance.** Of course you are reluctant to trust someone who's betrayed you, but most everyone deserves a second chance. Unless you are willing to take the risk, you will never know.
3. **Focus on the positive.** Sure, you worry about being hurt again, but by focusing on the positive and not only his negative qualities, you can find good qualities.
4. **See the bigger picture.** Don't just look at the trust you have temporarily lost, look at all you may gain from keeping the relationship.

Truth	Understanding	Time
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Student Senate is offering an incentive. The group that raises the most money for WalkAmerica will receive a gift certificate for Leonardo's Restaurant and will be recognized on walk day.

Please join in and help us save babies, together!

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20 Questions with Assistant Professor in the department of AE: Karen Bingham

What do you do in your free time?

Hike, keep house, camp, listen to music, and occasionally sing/play guitar.

What would you be doing if you weren't working in the position you're in now?

Law.

What do you think is the best flavor in the whole wide world, whether it exists or not?

Vanilla.

What is a definition that you would like in Webster's?

Honey Buddy= Lover and truly best friend.

What are two things you would like to see added to a dollar menu?

A dozen of the best oatmeal raisin cookies and a massage.

What is your favorite complete meal?

(No meat) Eggplant Parmesan with a Romaine salad and freshly-baked Italian bread.

What is your earliest memory in childhood?

Climbed out of my crib when it was nap time and I looked out my window and the window smashed my fingers and I screamed but my mom didn't answer because I usually screamed when it was nap time because I didn't want to take a nap.

What is your favorite number?

Number of successful recoveries from addictions.

What goes best with chocolate?

Peanut butter.

Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, it better be diet, as long as it's caffeine free, or whatever is one sale?

Seltzer.

Animal, vegetable, or mineral?

Animal.

What is the best kind of cheese?

Sharp Cheddar—"The sharper the better."

Best toothpaste?

Traditional Colgate.

Good = woods, cold beer, vanilla ice cream, a hug, dogs, warm, spring day, Beetles music, warm shower, and spring flowers, because they're a sure sign winter is done.

What is the best kind of music and why?

Love songs because people are positively inspired them.

What are computers to you?

Cleaning Lady.

What is on your priority list, but is not on the top?

Financial Security.

What is your sign?

Libra.

Who is your favorite person?

Dolly Levi—a strong independent woman in a time where that was uncommon.

Anything you'd like to say to our readers?

Values and favorites change over the years, so be open to new experiences.

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Congratulations to the Pool Tournament Winners for Spring 2005

Congratulations to Roxanne Hitchcock, the Grand Winner of the Spring 2005 Pool Tournament in Rhoades Center. Roxanne won a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

Congratulations also goes out to T.J. Jakubowski who won second place in the tournament and a \$30 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

Thanks goes out to all 14 of the students who entered for their participation and for making it such a fun time!

Enjoy a Dinner Dance Aboard the Victorian Princess on Lake Erie

The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring a Spring Dinner Dance aboard the majestic Victorian Princess on Friday, May 6. A bus will leave the campus at approximately 5 p.m. and will return to Venango Campus around midnight. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person for students and their guests, and \$15 per person for faculty, staff, and their guests. Tickets include the roundtrip bus ride and the dinner/dance on the Victorian Princess as you cruise Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie.

Tickets are available in 232 Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Angel at ext. 1279.

Play Golf for Free with Your Student I.D.!

From now until May 6, students can play golf free of charge every Friday until 4 p.m. at River Ridge Golf Course located just off Bredinsburg Road.

Students are required to show their current student I.D.s in order to play for free. Golf carts are available for \$5 per person. Students taking golf this semester should take advantage of this opportunity to complete their nine-hole outing requirement free of charge!

First Energy Orientation is Center of Applied Technology Open House

Venango Campus will be hosting an applied technology open house on Tuesday, April 19, in Rhoades Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

An orientation for the upcoming Electric Utility Technology concentration, offered through a partnership between FirstEnergy Corporation and Clarion University, will also be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The orientation will be presented by representatives of FirstEnergy Corp Corporation's Power Systems Institute (PSI) and Professor Vic Bowser, chair of the university's Department of Applied Technology. The award-winning two-year program, which will be available beginning this fall, is designed to help develop a source for future electric professionals with an emphasis on overhead line work. This is the first such program in FirstEnergy's Penelec service area.

Information will also be available about other industrial concentrations offered in the applied technology program. Under the unique model, students complete general education and business courses at Venango Campus and the technical component of the degree through licensed, certified, accredited, and/or otherwise approved technical education providers. Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology degree.

"My colleagues and I are delighted with the overwhelming response to the electric utility technology program and to other industrial concentrations in the Department of Applied Technology," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean. "The applied technology program was developed to respond to a critical need for specialized workforce development education in the region. We're pleased to see so much interest in this unique program that is so important to the economic development of northwestern Pennsylvania."

Other partners include the H. T. Kerr Technology Center in Titusville, the Precision Manufacturing Institute (PMI) in Meadville, the Learning Center in Seneca, and the National Hardwood Lumber Association in Memphis, Tenn. An additional collaboration will be announced within a few weeks.

To learn more about the applied technology program, contact Professor Vic Bowser at ext. 1307.





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Tuition Increase Could Be in the Double-Digits for 2005-2006 School Term

By: Brett O'Neil

Tuition at Clarion and 13 other Pennsylvania state universities could possibly increase in the next academic year as much as 10 percent according to an Associated Press article in the *Franklin News-Herald*. The increase would be necessary to close the gap between the "\$464 million state-aid the PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) requested and the \$443 million subsidy" that Governor Ed Rendell wants to fund them with. The gap of \$21 million would mean possibly that tuition would rise by over 10 percent, meaning about an extra "\$465 a year" would be necessary to close it.

However, these are preliminary figures. David Myers, deputy chief of staff for Governor Rendell, believes they must look at all the options to cutting costs before tuition is set in July. A tuition increase is still not out of the picture, but the PASSHE has already proposed a hike of "Six percent in its \$1.2 billion operating budget for 2005-06." The tuition hike would affect the 100,000-plus students who make up the 14 Pennsylvania state-system universities.

Giant Clarion Eagle Unveiling on April 30

A massive bronze Golden Eagle with a 12-foot wingspan comes home to roost Saturday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. in a special ceremony in front of the main entrance of Tippin Gym at the Clarion campus. Resting eight feet off the ground on a granite base, the long-time Clarion mascot will serve as a campus focal point.

The installation of the Golden Eagle, commissioned from nationally known artist Michael Hamby to mark the start of the new scholarship fund, marks the first time Clarion University has a permanent authentic golden eagle on campus. Launched by Athletic Director Bob Carlson, the sculpture project is funded entirely by private donors.

Carlson is quick to point out that the impressive and noble sculpture also represents the establishment of the Golden Eagle Athletic Scholarship Fund. "We are establishing the new fund to demonstrate our commitment to provide scholarship opportunities for student athletes at Clarion University," said Carlson. "Approximately one-third of our student athletes now receive some scholarship assistance, but we need to increase the support if we are to help students with their educational expenses and remain competitive in athletics."

The unveiling ceremony will feature remarks by President Grunewald and artist Hamby, a world-renowned sculptor. Hamby is also a former professional football player for the Buffalo Bills. He has produced projects commissioned by Merrill Lynch, USA Today, Baseball Weekly, Utah State University, the National Wildlife Research Center, and the Buffalo Naval Park, among others.

For a limited time, friends and alumni will have a special opportunity to donate to the Golden Eagle Athletic Scholarship fund and receive a smaller reproduction of the sculpture – a 14-inch or 28-inch limited edition bronzed sculpture, suitable for home or office. The sculpture comes with a beautiful base and each one is part of the limited addition Hamby has made available to the university.

To reserve a limited edition Golden Eagle Sculpture, please call at 814-393-1997 for information.

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Wondering if there is a connection

Dear Wondering:

You may be absolutely correct. Every child who is exposed to family violence including loud, verbally violent arguments reacts differently. The behaviors you mentioned are among some of the most common signs that a child is being emotionally affected. Your child need not be in the same room when you argue to be aware of the problems. He may be reluctant to tell you how he is feeling, as he may be confused, scared, angry or may not even be sure what is wrong him.

Anxiety caused by violence affects a child's ability to function, and is sometimes attributed to attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and other mental health diagnoses. If left untreated, your child could experience more serious issues.

If you would like more information on the effects of family violence on children, contact The Crisis Center at 677-4005.

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From the Editor's Desk: Concerts

Have you ever noticed that we live in the absolute worst part of the country for concerts? We have to drive an hour and a half just to get to Pittsburgh or a little farther for the Post-Gazette Pavilion—yet most artists leave Pittsburgh completely off their tours. Of course, we can always drive almost three hours to Cleveland where they are a little less forgotten about, or pray that someone good comes to somewhere closer like Erie or Youngstown (highly unlikely).

I know I'm always ecstatic when I get to see someone in concert in Pittsburgh, but they never come to Pittsburgh on every tour. I usually have to wait a few years just to see them, unless I go on a road trip. However, I am always appreciative of artists like Ozzy Osbourne who never forgets about us in western Pennsylvania—he loves Pittsburgh!

I guess the reason for writing this little piece is that I'm getting frustrated—being the hardcore concertgoer that I am—with not being able to see the people I want to see when they go on tour. In fact, there doesn't seem to be much coming even as close as four hours of us this summer, and Alanis Morissette just announced her summer tour dates. Cincinnati, Ohio or Philadelphia, Pa. are the closest venues she's playing. And yes, I did look it up, they are both five hours from here.

With there being not much of a choice between concerts in this area this summer, it looks like it's down to driving five hours for Alanis, driving to Cleveland for Jewel, going to Ozzfest in Pittsburgh even though I don't want to see anyone but Black Sabbath and Rob Zombie, or seeing Tom Petty for the third time. I guess the only thing that can save the summer would be, if I'm lucky,—the very belated announcement of X-Fest would take care of the problem completely—as long as this year's line-up is back to rock (not punk like last year) and absolutely killer.

So, hopefully my frustration will be solved by our very own Pittsburgh-station (105.9)'s rock festival. But if not, well, I'll be grumbling all summer about how much it sucks to live in western Pa. and be forgotten about by artists of every genre on almost every tour.

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!

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Voices

Pope John Paul II: Nothing but Greatness for this Man

By: Brett O'Neil

I don't even know where to begin when talking about this man. Everything has happened so quickly in the last month, with Terri Shiavo in Florida and recently with Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. The media buzzes with 24-7, nonstop coverage so it's complicated to make sense of all this. You have to realize there was a definite reason why coverage on the pope was so extensive.

It goes beyond the religious aspects of his papacy. It goes beyond the billion souls that complete the framework of the Catholic Church. As a practicing Catholic, I have the ultimate respect for this man, but apart from his legacy, he was fundamental in world politics. Just his presence in many of the Eastern Bloc countries, with heavy Soviet Union influence, helped bring hope and enlightenment to the oppressed behind the "Iron Curtain." The "Iron Curtain" and Communism collapsed partially because of this Pope.

Not to mention, an attempted assassination on the pope never stopped him from forgiving. Forgiveness of a man who has now transformed his life into something meaningful. It says plenty where today, total annihilation is preferred over compassion. Pope John Paul II has always been a shining inspiration, not only to Catholics, but to the world. He's in a better place now, where the "pearly gates" have been polished for this special occasion. Indeed, it was a very special occasion as he took those immaculate strides into eternity.

Coming Next Semester:

The Legend of Fsuon

By: Shawn Bennett

In this world, warriors wield weapons of melee and magic of great destruction against each other in battle. Some time ago, the Mages of this world were troubled by the useless slaughters. And the blacksmiths, who were also troubled by the senseless destruction, joined forces and knowledge with the Mages.

Magic being used among people was eventually forbidden and forgotten. Weapons were being forged to moderate magic by being granted a free will and free

agency. These "Magesmiths" continued their work forging and giving life to these weapons. The weapons decide who they want to be their wielder and for what reasons their powers are to be used. These weapons also granted their wielders their own attributes. As the fighter gains more experience, as does the weapon.

One day, there came five "Pitch-Dark" Weapons. The divine spark of these weapons is pure evil and unstoppable. They will consume a person's soul and possess the person's body, if given the chance. They are the Pitch-Dark Sword, Staff, Axe, Dagger, and Hammer. No one knows who created these abominations, but they have brought Fsuon to the brink of destruction in the past.

Many of the weapons made by the Magesmiths were destroyed without mercy and their wielders as well. People were enslaved by these weapons and, the deaths tolled greater than any of the past wars and battles. In hopes of peace and prosperity, some of the slaves escaped and made it to the southern islands of Jowup. There, the people of Fsuon lived in peace on the quaint, quiet islands. The arts of the Magesmiths managed to escape to the island as well. Again, magic was moderated but to the will of the weapon.

Centuries later, short on supplies, some brave travelers decided to travel to the mainland. When they arrived, they looked upon a land that appeared to be uninhabited by anything in decades. Some of the residents of Jowup moved back to the continent, while others believed that the weapons had a trap setup read to finish any who ever escaped their grasp as a declaration to their relentlessness. Some of the people believe that the Pitch-Dark weapons were destroyed and argue by what means, whether the weapons destroyed themselves or if someone stood up to them and defeated them. It has been a few decades after the great move back. It is here that our story takes place...

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